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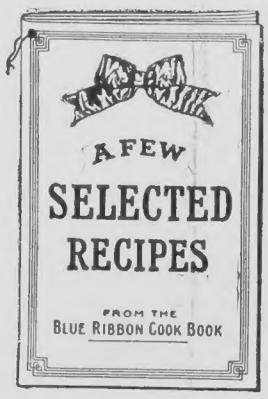

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A Chat with our Readers.

IT will come as a surprise to many of our old friends to know that the Western Home Monthly has started on the twelfth year of its existence.

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It is the time-honored custom to make one's family uncomfortable and unhappy once a year, and most women never think of changing it, even though they may have read the Western Home Monthly month after month. As you know, the magazine brings you all sorts of good advice about how to improve on old methods of house-keeping. Why not heed the wise counsel that is given you? It is possible to simplify domestic machinery so that all seasons are undisturbed by troublesome breakdowns and readjustments.

You must not suppose that our May magazine is to be given up to eminently practical subjects. Not at all! It just happened that we mentioned the way most Canadian families go a-Maying in a moving-van, riding a broom-handle, because we regret that one of the most beautiful months of the year should not be given up to less utilitarian diversions. We want you to have time to read every page next month, for there will be much of unusual interest.

Of course, there will be much of the outdoor world in this May number of the Western Home Monthly. Beautiful pictures will ask the question "Are the Roads in Your Country as Good as these?"

The fiction for the month will carry out the springtime idea.

There, don't you think it will be worth while to arrange your housekeeping affairs so that you will have plenty of leisure for the Western Home Monthly, which will bring you more than we promise? Save time for reading the topics that you ponder in the moments when you have time "to keep office hours with your soul."

Speaking of the thoughful hour, have you ever realized what a great faculty it is to be able to think productively, to take up some theme, fix it in your mind as an idea and follow it to a definite conclusion that satisfies you and gives you peace and rest and strength?

So many people imagine they are thinking when various subjects are simply passing through their minds in an orderly, emphatic way, to be sure, but without real significance. Thinking is more than remembering, it is more than recalling a thought or an event of a previous day.

Productive thinking is constructive thinking. Productive thinking is not mere reflection. The greatest drawback to real growth in any department of life is the mechanical routine of action, and if we encourage this in our thinking we will not really grow. Productive thinking sees new relations, it reaches new conclusions, it develops higher aspirations and greater enthusiasm. The Western Home Monthly properly utilized renews the strength, revitalizes the mind and respiritualizes the soul.

The May number of the Western Home Monthly will contain the last list of names in connection with our post office competition. In that issue we will give full instructions re sending in coupons and we beg to assure our readers that when deciding the closing date, we will bear in mind the fact that many subscribers live miles away from the nearest post-office and accordingly ample time will be given for solutions to be sent in and a person living in Alaska stands just as much chance of winning the first prize as a Winnipegger.

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The Rural School Problem.

The Editorial Page this issue has been given to the following article on the "Rural School Problem" by W. A. McIntyre, LL.D., Principal of the Provincial Normal School, Winnipeg.

Some Difficulties.

The problem of problems in Western Canada is that of education in the rural districts. The sparse population, the bad roads, the long winter season, the scarcity of teachers, the mixed races, the method of survey, the apathy of the people, the high tax-rate—all these things combine to make a solution of the question exceedingly difficult. Because of the sparse population the schools are small, and there is lacking the incentive to effort that makes larger schools so interesting to children. There is also a heavy tax for each ratepayer, and this generally means a low salary, an incompetent teacher and a lack of suitable equipment. Because of bad roads there is irregular attendance. It is said that a majority of pupils who attend school, are present for less than one hundred days in the year. The long winter makes it very difficult for pupils from a distance to attend without risk. Transportation is a necessity in most districts, and this adds greatly to the cost of school support. In the muddy spring season transportation is frequently impossible. The problem of the school, becomes the problem of good roads. The method of sruvey places the houses not close to the main highways but leaves them scattered irregularly over the prairie. This makes concerted action for purposes of transportation almost an impossibility. The lack of farm labor coupled with the apathy of a people who are endeavoring to make money during the formative period in the country's history, causes many children to leave school before they have learned the simple arts of reading and writing. In many cases whole families are found, not a single member of whom can sign his own name. This is true particularly in the homes of some of those who came to the West from Central Europe, and whose ambition is to make their children wage-earners as early in life as possible. But above all these difficulties is that of securing competent teachers. It is said that the average length of service of those who enter the calling is less than three years, so that the character of the work done in most of the schools is bound to be disappointing. It is doubly so because so many of those who serve as teachers are of doubtful or extremely low scholarship. Altogether the position is very grave.

Consolidation as a Remedy.

Among the suggestions offered by various persons for improving conditions there are three or four that are particularly worthy of notice. The first of these is contained in the word "consolidation." By this is meant a union of two or three districts in one. For example, the districts surrounding a village may unite with the village in the support of a common school. This will necessitate transportation of pupils at public expense. The cost will probably be no greater than it now is in most districts, but it will be felt more. The farmer who drives his own children to school does not reckon his time and labor as a cost whereas if he pays a tax to hire a teamster for his own and his neighbors' children, he will consider it a matter of expense. There are, without doubt, many advantages in consolidation where it can be worked. It will mean better buildings, better teachers, better equipment, better grading, more regular attendance, more advanced studies, teaching of special branches. It will also mean the cultivation of broader sympathies and a higher form of social life. In the consolidated school the pupils will have the combined advantages of life in the country and life in the town.

But the districts in the West are in many cases already so large, the roads are so bad and the weather so severe that the plan of consolidation will never apply to more thon a fraction of the whole number of the schools. In any case it will be possible in a large way only when transportation of pupils is made a cost to the community rather than to the individual, and when the local school board gives way to the school board for the municipality.

Transportation of Pupils.

It sems strange that people who live at a distance from a rural school should be willing to carry their own children to school at their own expense. The very first principle of fair government is that there should be equality of opportunity for all. As we find things in the West to-day there is no such equality of opportunity. The man who has the school house placed close to his door has an immense advantage over the man who lives a distance away. Any ratepayer would be justified in demanding that if the school is to be placed a long distance from his home, the district should see to it that his children are transported free of cost. In short, free transportation is a corollary to a free public-school system. The present method of transportation is not only unfair to the parent who lives a longer distance from the school but it is extravagant, and it is imperfect. There is no reason why three or four conveyances should be employed to draw the children to school when one large conveyance could do all that is necessary, and there is no reason why children should come in open carriages when they could travel in a covered van. If public transportation were established as a principle it is evident that consolidation would follow.

Municipal School Boards.

It is probable, however, that nothing on a large scale will be done until the present lcoal school board gives way to the municipal school board. It is almost impossible to get the trustees of three or four neighboring districts to agree to any common plan of work, but it would be a very simple thing for the trustees of a municipality to devise a plan whereby the needs of the whole municipality would be met. The present system of school boards was borrowed from eastern provinces or perhaps from the United States. It suited conditions in the early times but it is by no means suitable to conditions to-day. Provided the twenty or thirty schools in a municipality were under the control of one general school board, a common curator of buildings could be employed who would see that caretaking and repairs were properly attended to, that the grounds were fenced and properly planted, that the equipment was well chosen and in a state of preservation. It would be possible, also, to have travelling instructors in physical culture, in manual work, or in any other branches of study that might be deemed of first importance. Indeed, it might be possible for a municipality to engage the services of its own inspector who would act as principal for the whole of the schools in the municipality. And one of the first results of the institution of municipal school boards would be the erection of large central high schools, which all the children of the municipality could attend free of cost. Under present conditions the outlook is altogether too local and there is no proper relationship between the elementary education and the education of the secondary school. What would happen if in one of our large cities with its thirty or forty separate school buildings there were as many local school boards? The question needs no answer. The union of all the schools of a municipality under one board of management, is just as necessary in rural as in urban communities.

If the municipal school board and public transportation were necessary parts of our system, consolidation with all its benefits would naturally follow, and even though consolidation will not work in all cases, its benefits are so many in the cases where it will work, as to justify the people in putting forth great efforts to make it a reality.

School Property.

The irregular attendance is not altogether due to the fact that children are living so far away from the schools and that they are not driven to and fro. In some cases they do not wish to come because The school is so unattractive. The building is broken down, the grounds are neglected, the equip- the school is so unattractive. The building is broken down, the grounds are neglected, the equipment and furnishings are disgraceful in the extreme. There is nothing whatever attractive for either the child or adolescent. Recent attempts in Canada and the United States to improve the grounds and buildings have resulted not only in an increased attendance of pupils, but they have made the parents take fresh interest in the work of education. It seems too bad that where the surroundings might be made so beautiful, so educative—with very little outlay in money or time—that something should not be done. If the people could only understand that children are educated more by what they see and hear and do than by what they read from books, they would probably give more attention to these matters. The beautiful school garden and the well-equipped school house would not be regarded as fads and luxuries, but necessities.

Taxation.

It is said, however, that the cost of education is already so great that to make any further levy in order to equip the schools or improve their condition is an impossibility. There is no doubt that the cost is great and that the proportion of taxes devoted to school purposes is abnormally high; yet the whole taxes in this western country are not high when we compare them with taxes in other lands. A man with a half-section has an asset worth twelve thousand dollars and his total tax is probably forty dollars. This surely is not unreasonable. In some countries it would be one hundred dollars or more on the same valuation, and in towns and cities it is probably greater than in the country. A farmer feels his tax more than another man because he does not handle so much money during the year. Any payment in money always seems large. Yet surely the education of one's children is worth a great deal to any man. Probably there is no forty dollars so well spent as the forty dollars that is spent in education, even if the school be of the very poorest type.

The Teaching Force.

That there are many poor schools goes without saying, and the poorest kind of a school is always that in which the most incompetent teacher is employed, for in the long run the efficiency of a school depends upon the teacher. Consolidation, public transportation and municipal school boards will do much, and improved conditions may also be expected to result from the improvement of the grounds and buildings, but all being said and done these are secondary matters. The great thing is to secure more efficient teachers. At the present time the teaching force is inefficient for two reasons: First, because it is lacking in men. It is not that men are better teachers than ladies. As a matter of fact, in most cases ladies are to be preferred. But there should be a number of men, especially in the senior departments, for every pupil should at some period of his or her life come under the instruction of a gentlemen of culture and high attainment. There is only one way of retaining men in the profession in a country like Western Canada, and that is by paying higher salaries than are given to ladies. This may be though to be an injustice, but it is to be recognized that if the men are to be retained this is the only way to retain them. The second cause of inefficiency is that teachers do not remain in the profession long enough to become experts. As indicated above, the average length of service cannot be much more than three years. One reason why teachers do not remain in the profession is because the novice receives almost as high a salary as the teacher of experience. The simplest thing in the world would be to arrange for a system of graded grants. This would be no hardship to teacher or to district. It would simply mean that novices would receive much less than they are now receiving, and that experienced teachers would receive more, and that both would be getting exactly what they are worth. It would be conceded that many beginners are now receiving far more than they are worth, while other teachers, who are skilled and competent, are not receiving enough to encourage them to remain in the profession.

Programme of Studies.

But even if the necessary proportion of men were obtainable, and if the teachers of superior attainment were retained in the profession, this would not be enough. Those who are best acquainted with teachers and their capabilities will confess that in many cases they are not adequately fitted for their work, that they do not know things which a teacher ought to know in order to take charge of a rural school, although they have spent much time in learning many things that were not so necessary for them to know. It would seem that if the teaching force is to be improved, particular attention must be paid to the character of the

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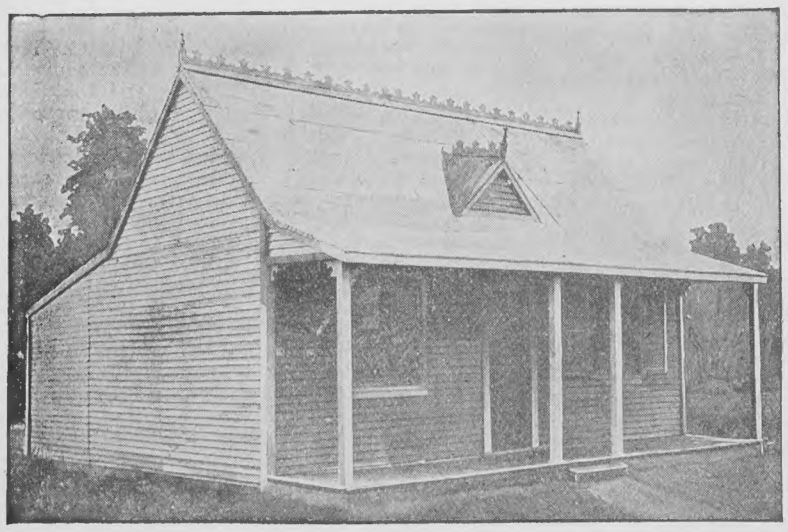

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Today, watching the heaped luxuriance of spring in Italy, the flowers, and all the joy of May, the thought came to him that there was a magic in the world other than that distilled from the crabbed black-letter over which he had been pouring. He had spent his boyhood and his early manhood all too lavishly in the pursuit of bookish lore; but now, watching the picture which the season had painted, the will to live and to love even as other men leaped and pulsed in his veins. The small, meek face of a woman, of her who was his wife, Alis, came to his mind, together with a resolution which brought him to his feet.

He would seek her in the garden, he thought, for that was where she loved to stray and linger; and straightway he went thither.

But as he descended from the tower, where he was wont to study through long hours, and alone, he remembered that it was the morning of a holy-day: hence she would be at the church to hear Mass.

He did not return to his books, for the desire to study had, for that while, fled; instead he gained the garden, and there roamed to and fro, looking at the flowers and leaves as one to whom sight had been but lately restored. Wearied at length, he sat to rest upon a green bank beneath a wall of bleached laurels, meaning there to await his wife's return.

The moments slid swiftly, and he mused idly and pleasantly, his eyes bent upon the grassy turf at his feet. He was, he deemed, of all men the most blest in sixteenth-century Florence.

From the mentally pictured dove-like eyes of his wife Alis, his thoughts wandered to himself and, for once, his scholar's dark robe was distasteful to him, and his austere life seemed incomplete. She, Alis, must often be sad and out of heart, for he, her husband, had lived largely to himself; but now he would mend all that. He would be young again with her and for her; he would dye that pale cheek with the rosy tint of pleasure.

Then he thought of his wife's cousin, a youth named Doria, a budding clerk, gay and light of foot, a cunning player upon the lute. With the thought came a sudden revulsion. It were impossible that he could ever become young and impulsive like that: a scholar he had been and a scholar he must ever remain; but his wife—at that pleasant vision a smile flickered upon his lips: she was not formed for loud mirth and gaiety; she was gentle and low of voice, and she would be content with him even as he was. He put out his hand and plucked a flower which grew hard by.

It was at this moment that a voice broke in upon his musing, a voice so feverishly passionate that he scarcely recognized it as that of the woman in his thoughts.

"Must you go? Must you indeed go?" it besought. "Ah, Doria, mine own dear love, wait but another day!"

The Scholar bent his gaze musingly upon the earth, and he listened as one who has but faint interest in the issue. He twirled carelessly the flower he held in his right hand.

"The hours will be long and tedious without thee, sweetheart; in thee is all my joy."

The reply came full and fair in the voice of the young clerk Doria, to whom, as being his wife's cousin, the Scholar had shown many courtesies.

"Be patient, I pray thee, honeycomb; yea, my sweet Alis," he said. "Now Heaven bless and save thee, for I may no longer abide here; but evermore, whereso I go, I am thy own true love. I shall return, verily, in the space of two brief weeks."

The Scholar, still twirling the flower, remembered that he had heard before, perchance from his wife Alis herself that Doria was about to take a journey of some days upon a matter concerning his clerkship.

There was a silence, broken only by the rustling of the laurels, and the Scholar, sitting with drooping eyelids, felt rather than heard the passionate embrace of the lovers so close at hand; and he sat motionless until their light footsteps died away.

At length the flower fell bruised from his supple fingers, and he regarded it compassionately, it might have been thought; and then he, too, went his way.

In an upper chamber of his house, some hours later, he found Alis. "Art wearied, good wife?" he asked with unwonted tenderness as he drew her towards him. He held her soft round chin in the hollow of his hand, and looked into her wide clear eyes, in which struggled a look that might have been taken for fear; or maybe it was one of aversion.

He regarded her long and mutely, scanning her small pale features, the thin, modest line of her lips.

"Sweet, patient wife, well may my heart abound in joy; a wife is a good gift, verily, and I am neither hoar nor old, so we will have lavish time of bliss together yet. What sayest thou, then, sweet one?"

His voice sank to a whisper, and his eyes were fixed on hers with an eagerness which did not miss the pallid look that swept across the wife's face nor the desperate clench of the small teeth. After a moment or two he let her go, and she staggered from him with trembling limbs.

"I crave thy pardon, my dear lord and husband," she uttered meekly as she found a chair, "but I am not well. The sun has given me a sickness. Methinks I tarried too long in the garden at noon."

The Scholar bent his gaze upon the rushes on the floor at his feet and remained long and mute in thought. Then presently he said with harshness:

"I spoke but in wantonness and jest, for there is a science of grave import which I needs must undertake. I have no time for folly; I must start upon it at dawning on the morrow."

With which he turned and walked away, his gaze, contemplative, still on the ground.

The Scholar was back in his room next day, but no longer poring over his books. He had, it seemed, given his mind to chemistry, and there alone, under lock and key, he compounded strange potions and medicines.

More than a fortnight slipped by; till one day he called his wife Alis.

"Hast tidings from thy cousin, young Doria, dear heart?" he asked with a certain gentleness.

She threw him a look of inquiry: she had seemed mute and heavy of late, and the answer broke from her with a half sigh.

"No tidings whatsoe'er."

But she judged he would not tarry much longer, for the two weeks that he had promised to be away had already been overstepped by five days.

"When he does come you and I will pledge him, and he shall pledge us—all out of the same cup," said her husband steadily.

Yet several weeks went by. They merged into months; and still Doria did not return to Florence. Alis grew paler

and sicklier visibly under his eye. Again and again he asked her the selfsame question—had she received tidings of her cousin; and again and again she murmured the same answer in tones which could hardly conceal that her heart was nigh to breaking.

"No tidings whatso'er."

"We'll not forget to drink to his health when he does come—you and I together and he to ours—all out of the same cup, as I said before."

The Scholar went back to his room and handled, as he handled many times, a certain phial which had stood waiting there all these months.

"That is the cup we pledge with; and eternal night on the three of us," he murmured.

Truth had been evident in his wife's reply. She did not know where her lover was, or why he tarried so long. Looking from his window he considered matters; and going back and seeking her out he informed her that on the morrow he intended to take a journey connected with the science which new occupied his time.

At the next dawn he departed; and when a week had passed he was again at home in his towered retreat. That which had been the secret object of his journey he had learned, the time of Doria's return, and it was unexpectedly near.

"I have heard that he returns to Firenze in three days," he uttered carelessly, as one who speaks of a trifling matter heard of accidentally.

"Three days!" She could scarce refrain from clapping her hands in a heaving transport of joy.

"Aye, on the eve of St. John."

He left her. Her inadventment joy had been so childishly simple as to wear the character of sublime beauty; and the sight of such exaltation woked in hi mlike a leaven, till it had effected a radical enlargement in his appreciations. What was his worn and musty life beside the lives of these two divine young loves? He sided with her from that moment, and against himself. He entered into her desire.

"The cup shall be for one, and not for three," he said within his heart. "For me, if she so wills it—yea, if she so wills it. Why should I stand as a hindrance to what Heaven has ordained."

The Scholar returned to Alis, and then "See here, sweet one," he said, alomst in tones of tender mockery. "Behold a physic for all the ills and woes of man."

He held aloft the slender phial, upon which the woman's gaze lingered with a strange fascination. "How say you, good husband," she murmured in flexuous accents, and the dove-like eyes left the phial for one instant to rest upon his face.

"By my faith," he replied lightly, "it is even as I say. Ten drops from this tiny bottle and the strongest man would sleep for ever more. Nay, and it has no taste nor smell; 'tis a weapon more deadly than any sword or dagger in the hand of a bold man or"—his quiet eyes noted a sudden flash in hers—"or, for that matter, a bold woman, either."

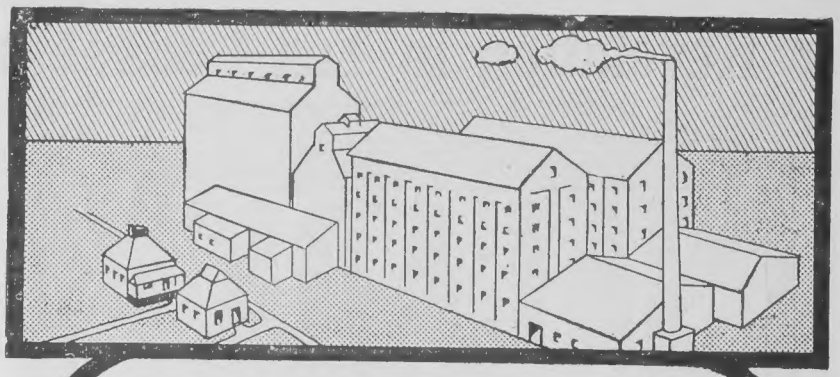
He put the phial back upon the shelf, and laughed a little, as at some inward thought.

"It were a sword in thy hand, gentle Alis," he scoffed, and then he went forth from his chamber to pace to and fro in the garden alleys, as had been his wont of late.

"A sword in thy hand," he repeated to himself in a musing tone. "Nay, a key rather; a key to unlock the prison for thee, sweet Alis." He smiled, and this time without bitterness; rather a great tenderness dwelt in his grave eyes.

The three days that were to elapse ere the return of the young clerk had all but passed, and as yet Alis had heard no further tidings of him any more than had her husband. Vague trouble filled her mind, and her passionate heart struggled like a wild bird pent in a narrow cage; she wandered often in the garden, plucking flowers and letting them fall to the ground,

"Ten drops from this tiny bottle and the strongest man would sleep for evermore."



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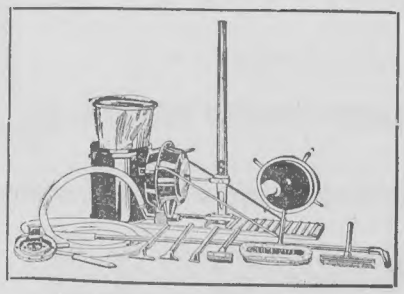

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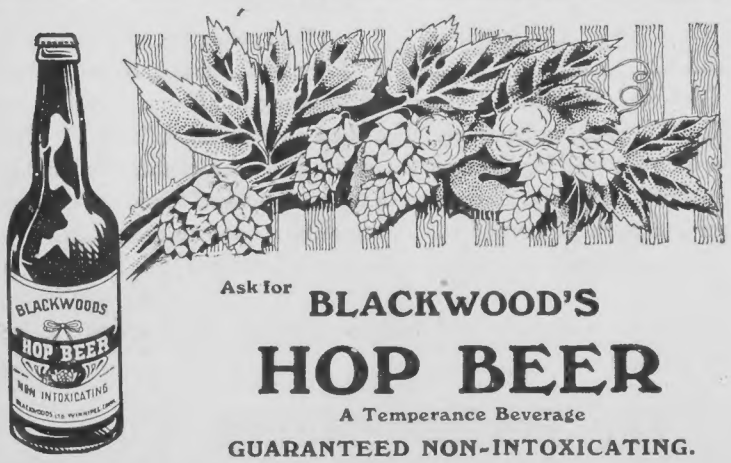

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there to die unheeded. Thus she was lingering at noon when sounds of shouting were heard. One in waiting at the gate entered and said: "The young Doria comes over the hill by Friesole, and is welcomed by his friends. He will enter the gate in a little while."

Her husband's voice reached her from a room adjoining: "Fetch me, with all speed, a cup of wine, Alis, for I am heated, and would drink."

With some little delay, wonderful in in a wife so willing, she brought it; and, standing before him, meek and slim, in sombre gown of grey, she gave it into his hands.

A sudden whim seemed to prompt the Scholar to a reversal of his intention. "Now pledge thee, first, our love in this wine-cup, my sweet; so shall I know thee to be my own true wife."

He held it towards her as though to place it at her lips, but she started from him with a sudden gesture like that of a frightened fawn.

"Aye, but I will!" Alis had recovered herself; and she held out her hand desperately, a quick look of resolution glittering in her eyes.

"Nay!" he replied with a light laugh, and drained the cup. "I did but jest; moreover, the dregs are bitter, too bitter for that mouth so small and tender, thy life is worth more than mine.

His glance pierced her through, and she quailed before him.

"Now this moment thy cousin comes —welcome him," he said thoughtfully, as he gave it back into her hands; and then he turned and went slowly into an inner room where he would be alone.

The rays of the lowering sun gilded the garden wherein sat the meek wife with dove-like eyes, wondering why the signs of Doria's coming should be interrupted by music and song, as though a bridal procession were moving along the road which led past the garden. She knew not who it was had taken a wife, nor did she greatly care, seeing that her thoughts were set upon an arrival of greater moment. And how many minutes, she wondered, did the poison take to have its full effect?

A messenger entered the garden. "Lady, I have been seeking thee everywhere. The young Doria has entered the gate and brings home a gay bride with him, who has entered also, and has bidden me announce them straightway."

"Brings home what?" she asked, with lip-movements only?

"A bride, lady."

"Bid them wait a brief moment; and fetch me the phial of medicine from the niche in my chamber, for I am, of a sudden, unwell.

When the phial was brought Alis left the garden, and proceeded to the chamber to which her husband had withdrawn. The rays that fell upon the peaceful place, and were creeping round upon the couch whereon the Scholar lay rigid, white in the sleep of death. An ironic smile seemed to wreathe his lips at her approach.

Meanwhile a newly-wedded couple awaited below the master and mistress of the house. But seeing that these did not come down, it was at length deemed advisable to seek them; and anon the pair entered the Scholar's apartment. The sleep which had seized him erstwhile had now overcome his wife Alis also; and she lay beside him with a face of marble, the phial on the floor at her feet.

The Dean's Diagnosis.

By RUBY BAUGHMAN.

THE tall youth stood before the Dean, half-bashfully fumbling his gay-banded hat, half - confidentially squaring his shoulders. He had no notion of revealing his uneasiness over his predicament to the friendly eyes which greeted and approved him with the same glance.

"You wanted to see me, Dean Carrier?"

"Sit down, Lovell. Yes, I wanted to see you. I understand that you helped decorate the lens in the observatory last week in such a way as to cause Professor Wald to report some startling conclusions to the Herschel Club," and the dimmest possible radiance of a smile lighted up the slim face with its wide forehead, prominent nose, and firm mouth.

"No, sir, that is not quite true."

"In what does my statement of the case fall short of the truth?"

"I didn't help do it; I did it. I just couldn't help it. The idea came into my head and I couldn't help doing it."

"Well, I can't do much for you this time, my boy. Dr. Wald has taken the matter directly to the President. Your case comes up before the Senate this aftrnoon."

"Yes, I got a notice this morning. I don't care so much for myself, Dean Carrier, but it looks as though I didn't care—didn't appreciate all you have done for me. I know I shouldn't have done it, but I couldn't help doing it."

"The fact is, Mr. Lovell, President MacLinn has instructed me to say to you that it will save an expulsion if you go home to-day before any action is taken by the faculty."

"Home! I can't go home."

"Why can you not go home?"

"Got a letter from Dad this morning. Prexie has written him. And besides——"

The Dean waited.

"Dad has just had to pay a couple of debts for me."

"What debts?"

"Poker."

At ths mention of a new sin added to the category of misdeeds, the Dean looked up from the paper knife which he had been studying during the catechism.

"I didn't know you played."

"I don't; but when Bunc Smithers said—when he—I just couldn't help it."

At the recurrence of the old excuse, the Dean raised two slender, scholarly hands in protest.

"That plea is worn threadbare, Lovell. You are sure you can not go home? May I see your father's letter?"

The parent had evidently left no doubt as to his meaning. After reading it the Dean said:

"Where will you go?"

"I don't know. I could go to Aunt Lucy's, but when the story got out she'd be ashamed—I don't know what to do."

"Why not go to work as your father suggests?"

"That suggestion from Dad would make me laugh if I weren't in such an awful bad hole. He knows blamed well that I never did a day's work in my life." With a dry little laugh, "He always said he was raising me to be a gentleman."

"Would you like to experience the novelty?"

"Of working? The mess I've stirred up doesn't seem to give me much of a choice. But what could I do?"

"You could tutor."

"Not without some one to tute."

"I have a letter here asking me to recommend an instructor."

"Where? Who for?"

"Your use of the nominative and objective cases would hardly seem to warrant your assumption of the duties of instructor in English. The letter is from Senator Long," and the Dean kept his eyes on the boy's face.

"Henry Long's father? His stepbrother—he's a regular little devil."

"I heard President MacLinn, less than an hour ago, deliver exactly the same words concerning a young man who

will probably be Dan's tutor."

The red blood struggled to flaunt its color through the heavy tan.

"But suppose I try some of my tricks up there? I just can't help it, sometimes."

The Dean smiled widely.

"I feel sure that, as Dan's tutor, you will have little temptation to misbehavior. When can you be ready to go?"

"To-day, I suppose," sulkily.

The Junior's triumphal march down Central Walk, his airy comments to his friends, his smiling farewell waved from the rear of the car, gave no evidence of deep and abiding sorrow over his misdeeds. But as the train whirled him away, the prospective peril to society kicked each separate valise viciously, then sat down with his cap pulled low, his hands deep in his pockets. Arriving at his station, he flopped into the Long carriage, still thinking. Only when the carriage stopped did he shake himself free from meditation, square his shoulders, and lift his eyes in a level gaze so clearly defiant and determined that the footman, turning to see at whom the look was directed, got quite a turn, to use his own phrase, to find no one in sight except himself.

The library into which the incipient pedagogue was ushered gloomed dark with evening shadows. As he stood for a moment at the door, a voice, husky with approaching manhood, commanded, "Sit down."

He had no doubt as to the identity of the invisible insolence and his muscles stiffened as the voice chuckled on, "Say, Molly, are you the dub my father's imported to improve my mind?"

The Junior started for the dim pile of shadows, muttering things not usually included in the model tutor's vocabulary. Things would have happened had not the father of the impudent one stepped into the room, snapping the electric switch as he came. By the time greetings were duly exchanged, the davenport whence the voice had proceeded revealed no living presence, but an open window offered an explanation of a rapid disappearance.

"You will find my boy a bit difficult."

No comment sufficiently mild came to the lips of the listener.

"In fact, we hope you may be able to train him into some little degree of seriousness of attitude."

Memory seemed to furnish no reliable foundation for any such faith, so the Junior ventured no answer.

"You must be firm with him. His mother for years has been too lenient and now we can't get the curb on."

The Junior sat speechless, dizzy with the responsibility thus summarily thrust upon him. Memories of his own blustering father, his own pretty helpless mother, his own lawless, rampant boyhood trembled before him like a succession of moving pictures. The self-satisfied voice puffed on.

'Dean Carrier tells me he is certain that you will comprehend my boy as few people could. You seem young to me. Have you ever had experience with a boy like mine?"

"Yes, for a number of years?"

"Well, you can begin with the youngster in the morning. Sam," to the servant who answered his ring, "show Mr. Lovell to his room. Come down in the morning, Lovell, whenever you like; I breakfast at seven."

Appearing at that meal at the appointed time, the Junior met his ward, a tall, well-built youngster of fifteen, blue-eyed, light-haired, mischief-laden. The greetings exchanged were about as cordial and as full of good-will as the formal handshake of two pugilists before the fray.

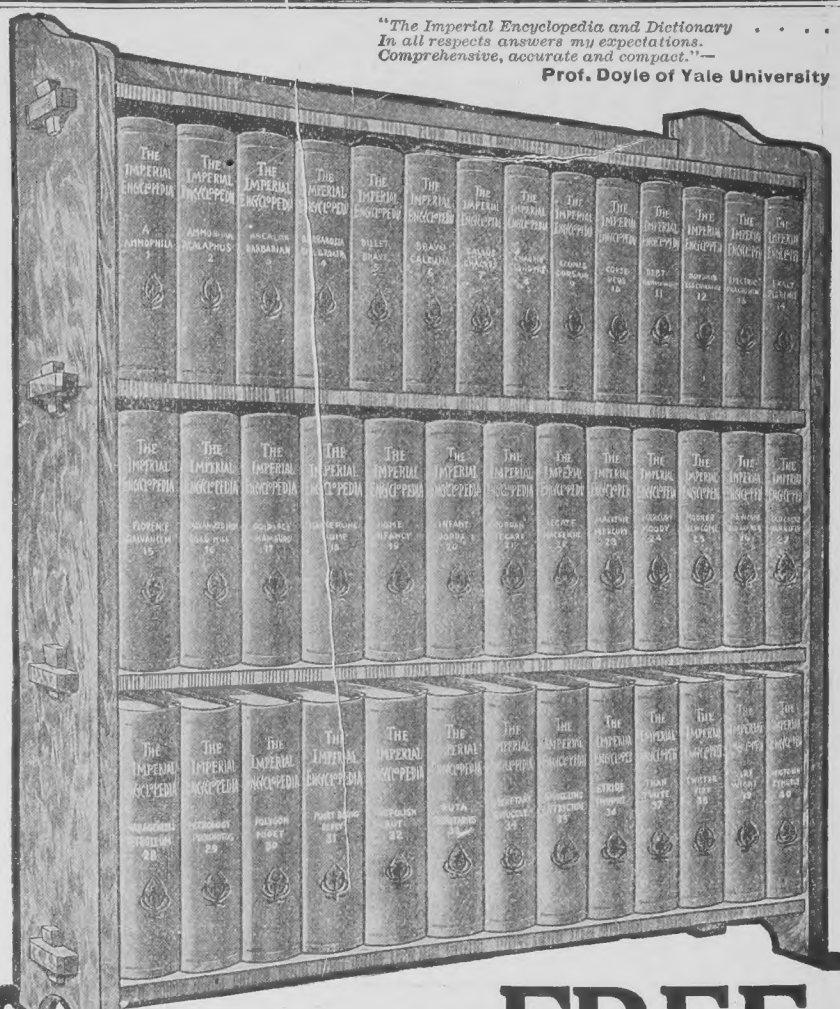
"Will you be glad to begin work again this morning, sweetheart, with your charming new tutor? I'm sure you'll be fond of him," chirped the inconsequent little mother from behind the coffee.

Sweetheart measured swords with his charming tutor and as blue eyes defied blue eyes, murmured something to the effect that he proposed to begin that morning a new era in his educational career.

"You will meet Mr. Lovell in the library at nine o'clock, Honey." Then as Honey sauntered out of doors, "I think you will find everything there for your needs, Mr. Lovell. I am going to town this morning with my husband for several days. I know you will get along beautifully," and with a step as light as her load of material responsibility, she floated from the room to join her lord.

At the stroke of nine Lovell entered

"Say could you show me that stunt?"



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the library, though he knew well he would find no one there. From nine until twelve he sat in the big room, thinking; at noon he lunched alone in the big dining-room. After lunch he found his way to the gymnasium in the basement. There he slipped off his superflous clothing and began pounding off his grudge against the world on the punching bag with a skill which no one could mistake for a novice's. He had forgotten everything but the joy of vigorous muscular action, when he heard from the horizontal bars the husky voice of the davenport.

"Say,, could you show me that stunt?"

The big boy wiped the surprise and gratification from his face along with the perspiration and measured the smaller boy with a cold glance tinged with just the right shade of doubt. The lad rose to the fly.

"Why not?" he demanded.

The tutor's voice was as cool as his glance.

"O, I might teach you to pound the bag a bit, but of course you'll never make a good, all-round sport."

The boy gasped and swallowed. Surprised out of himself, he could only splutter:

"Why—what," and then gathering up his shattered dignity, he stalked out of the room.

"It won't hurt when you get used to it, old man; I know how it feels. Well, the morning and the evening are the first day," laughed Lovell.

The following morning the charming new tutor left the daily paper containing a resume of the fooball season and a four-column cut of Lovell, the football hero, on the gymnasium floor. A magazine announcing the selection of an all-star team graced the hall table, the pages open to a eulogy and full page illustration.

"Here's where modesty yields to the necessities of the game," he laughed, as he set this last trap. I hope the folks don't come home before I get him backed into a corner."

After a forenoon which duplicated its predecessor, he ran down to the gymnasium, hardly daring to hope that the boy would be there. He was giving his attention to some clever tumbling, when he became aware of two eager eyes pearing through the rack of Indian clubs. Finishing one particularly difficult turn on the mat nearest his audience, he said with a nice degree of scorn:

"Why don't you come out here like a man, you skulking Indian?"

"I'll call the servants—I'll tell father —I'll——"

"O, yes, mamma's precious would tell," taunted the Junior.

The youngster's universe had been shattered the day before by the mocking words of this strange teacher; it was ground into atoms by the taunts of to-day. He no sport! He—the best guard in M. M. S. before he was canned! He—Senator Long's son, a skulking Indian! For the first time doubt as to his own perfection was entering into the calculation of things. But he stalked from behind the rack and looked down at the long, lithe body stretched on the mat—looked straight into the lazy eyes disinterestedly watching his approach.

"Why do you say I'm no sport?" he demanded.

"A sport is square."

The man smiled as he watched the youngster struggling to put away childish things. Finally the boy hedged:

"You don't know whether I'm square or not."

The tutor only closed his eyes and smiled indulgently.

"Well, I'll come into the library tomorrow and work, if you'll show me the somersault with the leap and twist."

"So you have to be bribed to do the right thing, do you? Look here, sissy, I don't care whether you come into the library or not,"

"Father'll be home Friday, and then you'll care."

"I draw my pay just the same whether you learn anything or not. You're missing your guess sadly on this whole business. You act like a girl," and the blonde head rolled pityingly on the gray mat.

The boy pondered. He had never heard anything of this sort before; but then, he had never met a real sport before. The big boy grinned behind his hands which were feigning to cover a yawn. He knew only too well the processes going on behind those stormy blue eyes. He was surprised at the capitulation implied in the lad's next words.

"Shall I eat dinner with you tonight?"

The tutor considered the proposition carefully.

"Now, the truth of it is, I had intended figuring out some end plays during dinner." No one would have guessed that he had had a whole forenoon at his disposal. "You let me eat alone last night, so I think I'll do the same to-night, thank you," and he leaped to his feet and ran to the bath, adding under his breath: "I hope I didn't scare him out of the game; but he's not squelched even yet. Well, the morning and evening are the second day."

The next morning the lad appeared at breakfast but said little. The man of mind and muscle seemed lost in thought during the meal, abstractedly rising at its close and walking slowly into the library. The door, left open at a judicious angle, revealed him bent over a bit of paper on which the veriest simpleton could see the plan of a football field. He held his breath at the

Grabbed the shorter boy by the shoulders

boy's step in the hall, and was boy enough to show his disappointment by kicking the table leg as the boy walked down the driveway, apparently not hungering and thirsting for knowledge.

"Well, it's always foolish, Lovell, old boy, to count six before you've crossed the line and kicked goal," he commented.

For an hour he waited, his old, slow, unreasoning anger growing with the seconds. His mind wandered from the problem of Dan, the pupil, to that of Lovell, the tutor. He grinned at the thought of the Dean's sagacity; he frowned at the memory of the conduct that made it necessary.

Snap! A locust bean nipped him sharply on the temple, setting the match to the smouldering wrath. Intuitively calculating direction and distance, he grabbed the boy by the shoulder before he could clamber from the window. Forgetting all his new resolutions, forgetting the dignity of his official position as mentor of youth, forgetting even the debt he owed the Dean, he slapped and cuffed and boxed the struggling lad, who, in his turn, charged upon the foe with teeth, nails, and boot-toes. Books, papers, chairs went hurling over the carpet. The contest was waxing warmest when the library door opened and the newly-returned father and mother gazed in upon th fray.

"Mr. Lovell! Dan!"

"Dan! Mr. Lovell!"

The order of names indicated the sex and the degree of excitement of the

speaker. Dan stoppd not a whit; obedience was not on his list of duties to his parents. The two men finally subdued him to the talking point.

"He took an unfair advantage!"

Mrs. Long looked apprehensively about, seeming to gather from the word "took" that the tutor was a sneak thief. Mr. Long waited.

"You needn't deny it. You hit me, and you're the bigger!" shrieked the angry boy.

The collegian was suddenly aware that this catastrophe had been hanging over him for ages. It was entirely fitting that a mime, a fool, a joker, should be found making a beast of a scene out of the first piece of serious business entrusted to him. He gently choked the boy quiet and put him out into the hall, whence the small tighter proceeded to the gymnasium, rubbing his throat. The disheveled pedagogue turned to the parents and waited for the blow.

What's all this excitement about?' asked Long with a smile.

A few words made the situation clear. The father thought a minute.

"There's one thing I don't understand. You told me you were a junior in the university, and yet you say you have had long experience with boys like Dan."

"Not with boys like Dan; with a boy like Dan."

The older man slowly nodded comprehension and smiled with near-approval.

"Well, you and Dan for it. You'll excuse us, I know, while we remove some of the dust and grime of the city. We'll see you at dinner."

It took the tutor several minutes to adjust his hair and necktie as well as his mental attitude. The anticipated dismissal would not have been an unmixed evil; it would have removed from him the responsibility of Dan. But Mr. Long's smiling departure left him still burdened with his problem. His old impatience, under restraint, came over him and demanded expression. His first reckoning should be with Dan, so he strode to the gymnasium, encouraging his anger as he went.

"Get up off that mat and put on these gloves," biting off his words with a snap like that of a telephone wire under the clipping shears.

"Don't you hear me?" stormed the angry voice, and at the words the boy raised himself from the horizontal to the vertical. "I am going to give you the trouncing of your life. There are several things you've missed in your tissue-paper existence and I'm going to supply one long-felt want. Get on those gloves; I'll give you a chance to defend yourself."

With much pluck and little skill, the youngster warded off the blows of his opponent until the latter's cooling temper permitted him to see the unfairness of the match. At last the boy threw down the gloves.

"You know I can't fend you off." Then as his words left his adversary stumbling in surprise, "I've been mean as dirt, but I'm willing to take my medicine."

The tutor could only gasp in astonishment as the lad hurried on:

"I suppose you'd be like all my other teachers. When I found out you was a real live man, I didn't know how to climb off my perch. I need a good poundin' and I'll take it."

"Not on your life, you don't," and the tall boy grabbed the shorter boy by the shoulders and waltzed him most unpedagogically over the floor. At last the two, limp with laughter, fell breathless and gasping onto a soft mat. Sprawling there flat on their faces, they found a common ground of understanding.

"You see, Dan, my father and mother were easier with me than yours are with you. I ran wild like you do."

Then followed tales of escapades over which two pairs of eyes twinkled with delight and two yellow heads bobbed in laughter—boyish capers of his early days and pranks of his college days. Finally, without tears or chuckles, the junior spoke of the Dean.

"He taught me the difference between a monkey and a man, Dan. He's no stiffle; he's no preacher. He knows before you tell him just how it all happened. When I got all balled up so that Prexie was going to kick me out, the Dean sent me up here. He knew what he was up to, too. Did you ever hear of homoeopathy old man?"

Dan declared his innocence.

"Well, the idea is something like this. Suppose the disease that has got its grip on you is caused by an over supply of prussic acid somewhere in your inside. Well, they just chuck in more prussic acid. They add it up this way, that like cures like, similia similibus."

"But I don't quite savvy where this yarn fits into our game."

"Well, you see, I was suffering from an acute attack of cussedness: the Dean prescribed Dan Long in large doses, and, by jinks, I believe I'm what the newspapers call 'on the high road to recovery.' I don't mean to be uncomplimentary, old man, but you seem to have impressed some people as being an ornery sort of a customer. So your father and the Dean applied me as a sort of a pedagogical porous plaster: and so here we are, merrily on our way up the trail of righteousness. We're weak sisters, I'm thinking; but here's my hand on it. Dan."

As they entered the dining-room, late to dinner, the son of the house led the tutor up to where his father stood at the head of the table.

"I've squared it all up with him, dad, and agreed to tame down and eat right out of his hand."

The questioning glance with which the mother had met their entrance wavered off into amazement as the father slapped his son on the shoulder.

"Well, that's no reason for keeping a starving family from their dinner, kiddie. Home looks mighty good after a trip to the city, Mr. Lovell."

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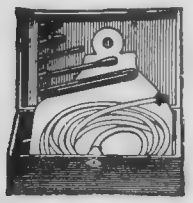

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When Time Turned.

By ETHEL WATTS MUMFORD

I DROPPED in at my friend Dr. Lamison's rooms, for I had been dull and bored all day, and Lamison, partly by reason of his profession, partly because of his own odd humor and keen insight, is a delightful companion. To my disgust he was not alone, but deep in an animated discussion with an elderly gentleman of pleasant appearance. Being in no mood to talk to strangers I was about to make my excuses and retire, but Lamison signed to me to remain. "Let me present my friend Robertson, Mr. Gage," he said politely, as we both bowed with due formality. "Robertson," he continued, addressing me, "you will be interested in what this gentleman has to say on the Philippines—he has spent some years out there."

two years in Tientsin and Hong Kong and was as well informed and interesting as man could be. His observation was phenomenal, and his memory likewise, and he had a way of presenting his facts that was positively evocative. I felt, after listening to him, that the recollections were my own, so distinctly did he force his mental pictures into my consciousness. He was eminently moderate in all his views, avoiding extremes and holding a mean of charity and common sense that is, to say the least, unusual.

A flash of lightning that stared suddenly through the windows, and was followed by a terrific thunder clap, made us start and pause. Mr. Gage arose and, going to the window, looked out into the murky night, remarking

"Is there any hope for him?' I asked."

Mr. Gage smiled reminiscently. "Yes, I spent some little time in the Islands. In fact, I am just on the point of going there now, and am very sorry I shall not see them again."

"What?" I asked. "If you are going, why do you say you will never see them again?"

Lamison broke in abruptly. "That is a long story. Let's go on with the question we had in hand. You were saying that the Malays are singularly shrewd and cunning."

Mr. Gage brightened visibly. "They are, indeed. Now, when I was in Manilla"—and he launched into a highly instructive lecture on the Malay and all his works, talking rapidly and tersely; his phrases full of vigor and originality, his description vivid and picturesque; in fact, it has rarely been my good fortune to listen to so brilliant a conversationalist — though conversation it could hardly be called, for by common consent he had the floor to himself.

Occasionally I asked a question, or Lamison punctuated the discourse with nods of approval as he flicked his cigar ashes on the floor. From the Philippines we wandered to the Chinese empire and its destiny. Gage had spent as he did so the suddenness and violence of storms in the tropics.

I seized the occasion to ned to Lamison. "What a brilliant chap," I said. "I never heard a man express himself so well and sanely—who is he, anyway."

"A gentleman and a scholar, also my guest for the present," my host answered. "So you think him well balanced?"

"Eminently so," I said heartily. "Not many men could state the facts of an international feud with such moderation."

Dr. Lamison smiled a strange, grave smile.

Our companion came back from the window whereon the heavy wash of the rain was now playing, and refilled his glass from the pitcher of shandygaff.

"So you are just on the point of making your first trip to the east?" Lamison asked, to my unutterable amazement.

Gage nodded. "Yes. In a few days I shall have decided."

I looked blankly at him.

"Then I suppose you will have your quarrel with the family by next week?" by friend went on.

Gage sighed deeply. "Yes, I shall have to go through with it again.

Fortunately the worst stages come first, and I have been feeling the after effects for some days already."

Lamison looked at my confusion with amusement.

"Tell Roberson about it all, old man," he said. "He is perfectly trustworthy, and yours is such an interesting story. To begin with, tell him how old you are."

Gage laughed, a quick boyish chuckle, and sprang up gaily, stretching himself before the sparkling fire. "Just three and twenty," he answered hilariously.

I looked at him carefully. His iron-gay hair, the infinitesimal tracery of lines that covered his face and hands like a fine-spun web, and the slight stiffness of his joints, in spite of his quick and rather graceful movements, bespoke a man in the later fifties. I understood now. He was doubtless one of the curious cases of mania which the doctor was constantly picking up and studying.

"Tell him how it happened," Lamison suggested.

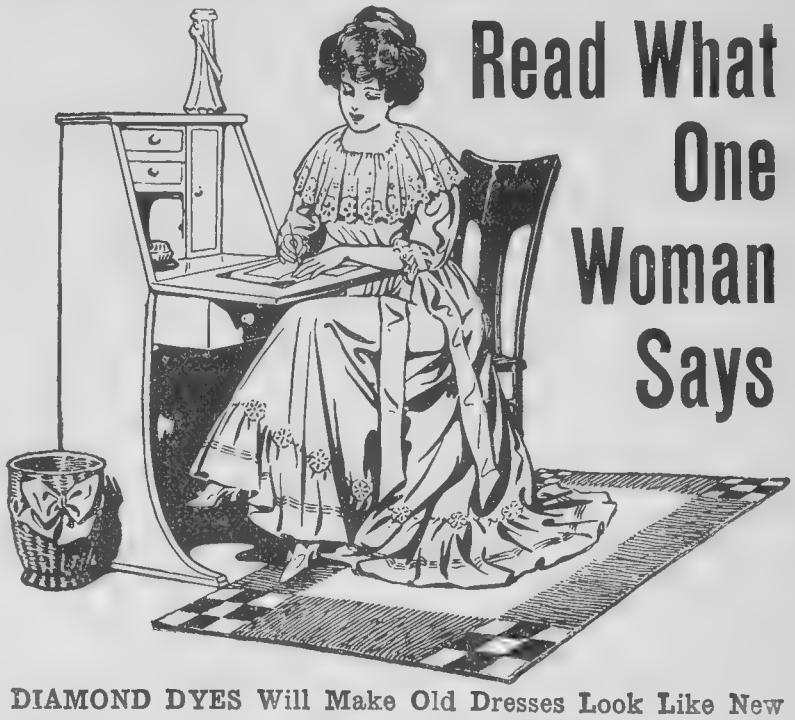
Gage's face grew grave. "It's very sad, part of it—but on the whole I have been blest above all men, for I have lived my life twice over. It was this way"—he sat down once more in the easy chair from which he had risen. "I was devotedly fond of my wife—one of the most charming women in the world, Mr. Robertson; but I lost her. She died, very suddenly, under singularly painful circumstances." His mouth twitched, but he controlled himself. "I was away on business in Washington when the news of her sudden illness reached me. I waited for nothing but left by the next train. I remember giving ten dollars to the driver of the cab I hailed on my arrival, if he would reach my house in ten minutes. Aside from that the journey is only a blur of stain and horrow. My memory becomes clear again with the moment when I saw my doorstep, wet and shining in the rain. I noted the reflected carriage lamp on the streaming pavement. The servant who opened the door at the sound of the stopping of my cab was crying. The house was brilliantly lit and I could hear hurried footsteps on the floor above and catch a glimpse of the blue-clad figure of a trained nurse. I rushed upstairs and into my wife's room. She raised one hand feebly toward me, and a flash of recognition lit up her face for an instant and then faded into waxen blankness. I can't describe that hour—it is too keenly terrible for me to repeat and it is not necessary to the story. At last it was all over, and her dear eyes closed forever, as I thought then. A great emptiness settled upon my brain and heart. Then came a slow tightening and straining sensation somewhere inside the dome of my skull, that seemed as fast as St. Peter's. A snap, sharp as a broken banjo string and perfectly audible was its climax. Then I steadied myself and looked about. Nothing had changed. The room was still, for the others had gone and we were left alone together—my wife and I. The silence was awful. Only the clock ticked louder and louder and louder till it beat like a drum. Then I glanced at the timepiece, an ordinary little porcelain thing that my wife kept by her on the medicine table, and a cold fear gripped me as I looked, for I realized that something wonderful and terrible was happening. With each tick the second hand jerked one second backwards—the hands were moving around the clock from right to left. I started, and almost at the same instant I felt the hand I held in mine grow relaxed and warm. I gave a cry. The door opened. The nurse, who had been the last to leave the chamber of death, came in. I saw her do exactly what she had done before—but reversed. Then my sister backed in from the opposite side, exactly as she had walked out, and turning, showed me her tear-stained, convulsive face with the very movement with which she had left us. The others came in; it was a strange phenomenon. The doctor was there now, standing at the head of the bed. I looked at the clock. It was ticking and the hands slowly turning backward. All at once I realized what had happened. Time had turned.

"I gasped when the thing dawned on me, it was so stupendous. But I saw my sweet wife's eyelids flutter, I saw her breath coming with difficulty, and I suffered once more with all my soul that terrible death agony. She turned toward me and lifted her hand with the gesture I had seen as I entered the room. In spite of myself I rose, and left her. I went down the stairs—the servant was there—I passed out into the street, to find the cab that had brought me standing before the door. I backed in. The horse trotted backward all the way to the station and I found myself on the train speeding backward to the city I had left to come post haste to my darling's bedside.

"My reason shivered in my skull. If I could not sift this matter I knew I should go mad. The thing was strange past all endurance. So I sat in the train that was carryng me over the miles so recently covered, and considered. A dawn of delight came to me. It would not be so long before all this horror would have doubly passed. I would have to go to the hotel and receive that terrifying, crushing telegram announcing Isabelle's illness once more. Then I should go over the business that had called me on to Washington, but after that I should go back to my wife to find her strong and well, to live over again the happy years of our married life, to watch her growing daily younger, while I grew young with her. What matter that little tiffs re-occurred—they were so few, and the joy of those years so infinitely great. And that, Mr. Robertson, is just what happened."

He went on, after a pause, in which he seemed lost in happy reverie. "In a week I had grown somewhat accustomed to doing over again the things I had done, only reversed; it seemed almost a matter of course; and, after all, I cared little, for I knew I was soon going to find Isabelle, to be greeted by her good-bye kiss, the same with which she had bid me Godspeed on the fatal journey. I could hardly hold my impatience as, at last, I backed up to the house, and when I saw her standing on the porch as I had last seen her, well and strong, dressed in the pretty gray cloth so becoming to her bright complexion and copper-colored hair, I could have cried with joy. She greeted me as I expected, with good-byes, but my heart sank with delight as we went into the house together. I put down my dress-suit case, and we ate luncheon together, beginning with dessert and ending with the delicate omelette she had prepared herself, in honor of my unusual freedom to lunch with her. We went over our old conversations. I was longing to tell her of my delight in her presence, of my gratitude for the extraordinary reversal of nature that gave her back to me, but I could not, I was under bondage of the past. I could only say what I had said, do what I had done.

"Luncheon over—or rather, correctly speaking, before it had begun—I bade her good-bye in my heart, but greeted her in my speech and went down to the treadmill round of my office work. My recent bereavement made me so tender of her presence, so hungry for the sight of her, that my very soul longed to expand itself in loving words and acts; I yearned to do and say a thousand affectionate things, but I could only do as I had done. I began to appreciate how I had let our relations become commonplace, and I hated myself for it. I saw a thousand ways in which I could have made her happier, or spared her pain, yet I could not take advantage of my new realization of my love of her. Ah, it takes such an experience as mine to make a man understand what he has missed and what he might have been. But even if I could not be to her what I so dearly longed to show myself, yet in my heart no gesture of hers went unnoted, no tone of her voice unloved. She delighted me wholly and completely, and the caresses that I gave her in seeming perfunctoriness, and the words seemingly mere habits of expression, were really the outlet of my



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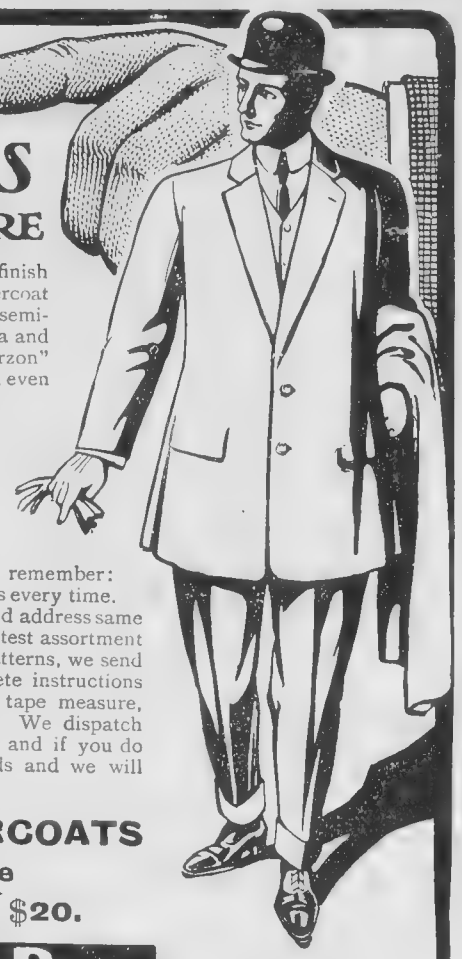

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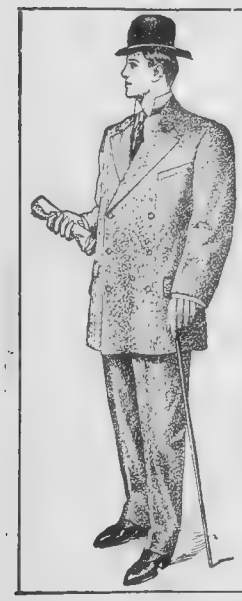

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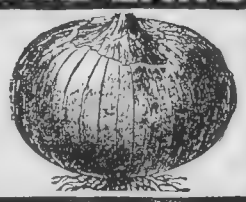

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soul's yearning to her. We were very happy. For years we were constantly together, and never was wife so appreciated. Then a great fear began to grip my heart. I remember it came suddenly, in the very midst of the little feast we were having to celebrate the first year of our wedded life—our 'first anniversary.' I realized that soon, in the very joy of our honeymoon I must anticipate our separation—the wedding would take place, next we would be engaged, then mere acquaintances, and after that—oh, desolation—it would be before I met her, and I should never see her again.

"I lived that year, our second honeymoon, and the last of our life together, torn between the joy of my returned happiness and the terrible knowledge of my coming loss. The wedding day came and I could have cried out in my agony but I could give my pain no voice. I had no tears, only smiles and laughter that must be gone through with, though my heart was breaking. Imagine it if you can, sirs. Was ever a man so tried? Then came the period of our engagement, when I knew we were drifting slowly and surely apart—and the happiness and misery of that time was, perhaps, the hardest of all to bear, even worse than the actual slow separation, though after my declaration, when our relations were formal and distant, it broke my heart to see her, whom I had loved so long, treat me as a mere acquaintance; and with it was the awful knowledge that there was no future hope, no possibility of our meeting, on this earth at least. The poignant day of my first meeting with her arrived at last I saw her, as I had seen her then, so many years before, lighting that conventional ballroom with her presence, a radiant vision, all gold and rose, her tall graceful figure gowned in soft, filmy drapery. I saw her with all my heart and soul, with all the pent-up memories of my twice lived life, for I remembered it was the first, and knew it was the last time I should see her. She vanished and I was left alone. For some time afterward, although I was living over my happy-go-lucky bachelor days, I was internally of a suicidal turn of mind, even on my return journeys in the East.

I could not resign myself to losing this girl that, according to reversed time, I had never met. But youth is gay, and its recuperative powers strong, and I am growing steadily younger, you see. Then, too, other loves came and went, or rather went and came, and in spite of myself I am able to contemplate my double past with the buoyancy of my second youth. Yet it is all very strange, and recently unaccountable intervals have intruded into my life, such as this evening, for instance. You, gentlemen, are not a part of my boyish past, and yet you seem to be interpolated into my otherwise coherently backward existence. This has been happening for some time, and grows more marked. You may be dreams of my old life that I had forgotten, but I am at a loss to account for it fully. For instance—how could I have foretold then what the future had in store? and yet in one sense that is what I am doing now in telling you my experience. You must admit that it is confusing."

Gage's story had fairly made me dizzy. I admitted that it was confusing. I hardly knew what to think. I even turned an anxious eye on the clock over the fireplace to assure myself that its hands still moved from left to right. As I faced it, Lamison regarded me with his amused but sympathetic eye.

"I hope to interpolate myself a great deal into your world, Gage," he said. "It's time you stopped in your mad career of growing younger. I don't want you on my hands when you become a troublesome stripling, or even when you have to unlearn your college education."

Gage laughed. "It will be rather hard, but I did enjoy my Harvard days, before I had that row with the family. Whew! How the old man did blow me up! And when I think I have to hear that all over again, it makes me sick." He paused again, and assisted his courage from the cheering pitcher. "Another thing that worries me," he went on, "is this: Have you noticed that, although all the happenings of my life seem to follow in well ordered reversed sequence, what I say does not? For instance, by all rights I should repeat my sentences verbatim backward. 'I am glad to see you,' in reversed language would be, 'You see to glad am I.' Now, in all my years of reversed experiences, although the order of conversation progresses backward, the sentences themselves make perfect forward sense. This drives me to distraction."

The whole impossible proposition danced before me, but Lamison was evidently delighted.

"Good. Gage, splendid! You are making progress—your logic is returning. I am unspeakably glad."

Gage looked at him wonderingly. "Why should you? It is only more confusing. Ah, well, I should not be unhappy if it were not for the awful prospect of being a baby again. That revolts me, like becoming senile. It is such a horrible thing to become a squirming, senseless infant—it makes me shiver, it keeps me from sleeping, it is a menace too ugly and loathsome to be endured. Fancy it, gentlemen, the ignominy of it—the hideous helplessness."

"We'll find a way to prevent that," Lamison said soothingly. "You are better already. It won't be long before we set it all straight. Come, come, be a man"—for Gage suddenly flung himself on the table, his face buried in his hands, moaning slowly:

"I don't want to be a baby—I don't want to be a baby."

This exhibition was so pitiful that I turned to Lamison, almost with tears in my eyes "Is there any hope for him?" I asked

Lamison nodded. "Yes," he'll pull through. A condition brought on by overwork and the sudden death of his wife, of whom he was devotedly fond. You see how he is beginning to realize the discrepancies in his imaginary life. He will come out all right—in time."

Gage now had himself under control and sat up shamefacedly.

"Don't mind me, Mr. Robertson," he said. "I don't often break down this way, and I wouldn't have you imagine for one instant that I regret my life. I could not have asked a greater boon of Fate than those happy days restored to me, when time had turned."

He rose gravely, excused himself and left us, and we sat silent and deeply thoughtful, staring into the red embers of the fire.

The days are passing, oh, so swiftly. None of us mean to entirely miss the best things of life, but procrastination is more than the "thief of time." He robs us of so many happy experiences that might be ours if with open eyes, loving hearts and willing hands we'd grasp the present situation with firm hands and be to-day what we mean to be sometime, do to-day what it has always been out intention to accomplish sometime and enjoy to-day's pleasures that are ours for the taking. Ralph Waldo Trine tells us to "find your Centre, then live in it. Surrender it to no person, to no thing." It is a great thing to find one's "centre," for is it not the key to the solution of every individual life problem? Instead of being biased by other people's opinions, suppose that for to-day we enter into our own closet, shut the door and in the privacy of personal heart communings decide to follow our own intuitions of what is right. If we have never done this we need to be "born again." There is a world of happy satisfaction in store for those who learn to respect their God-given conceptions of truth, which makes "free" every time. We do not need to leave our morning work to "enter into our closet"—simply keep still enough within to use our own judgment concerning all matters with which we have to do. We cannot use it unless we find out what it is, and that when learned is really our "centre."

Twelve O'clock Tea.

By CATHERINE STONEMAN LONG.

IT was nearly midnight, but Mrs. Burdick still sat at her desk writing. It was very quiet in the library save for the sound of her pen, which went scratching briskly across the page. Outside the wind shrilled about the corners of the house, and occasionally there came fierce, sudden gusts of rain against the window-pane, but the suggestion of storm and discomfort without only made the warmth and luxuriousness of the room the more pronounced. A cat slumbered peacefully before the grate fire, and the soft light, filtered through the red gas globes, gave the apartment an appearance of comfort and good cheer.

At last, with a sigh of relief, Mrs. Burdick threw down her pen and pushed her paper aside. Her article for the Woman's Club to-morrow was finished.

"An hour before John will be in," she sighed impatiently, glancing at the clock. "That is what it means to be the wife of a travelling man. Waiting until all hours of the night for him to come home!"

The air of the room was heavy with the perfume of some hyacinths nearby, and she was thoroughly tired. A delicious sense of drowsiness, born of the sense of a duty well discharged, began to steal over her. The clock softly chimed the hour, the cat aroused itself, purred gently for a moment, then relapsed into slumber again, and all was still.

Suddenly Mrs. Burdick became vaguely conscious of a change in the conditions surrounding her. She had, in the midst of her half dreams, one of those premonitions of danger which come to all of us sometimes from no testimony of the senses, but rather from some mysterious source within. She new instinctively that an element of evil had entered into this peaceful scene, and she became at once wide awake.

Then there came to her ears a sound other than that of the storm without. It was that of stealthy footsteps on the bare floor of the adjoining room. They came nearer, then paused a moment, and a cautious hand was laid upon the knob of the door behind her.

Mrs. Burdick was not a particularly courageous woman, and a cold perspiration started out upon her body. It seemed to her as if all the blood had rushed to her head and was trickling out at the roots of her hair. She had sometimes wondered what she would do if she were to find a burglar in the house. She had supposed that she would probably scream and faint away, according to conventional procedure. She experienced a sense of surprise to find herself doing nothing of the sort, but turning her chair swiftly about to face the intruder.

In the doorway stood a man. He was tall, slight and youngish-looking, with a drooping yellow moustache which did not hide the lines of a sneering smile upon his lips. He wore a shabby overcoat, buttoned tightly over his narrow chest, and a brown derby hat, also somewhat the worse for wear, drawn well down over his eyes. In his hand he held a revolver, the shining length of which he was pointing directly at her, while he fastened upon her a cruel, triumphant gaze.

Mrs. Burdick tried to think what an up-to-date woman like herself should do under such circumstances, but she could remember no precedent by which to be guided. She reminded herself, however, that none of her ancestors had faltered in the Revolution, so she took a firm grip upon her failing senses and sought for her voice, which seemed to have descended somewhere into her shoes.

"Good-evening," she remarked at length pleasantly, and looking the interloper squarely in the eyes.

The man appeared to be somewhat surprised at this unexpected greeting; but in a moment he showed a line of even, white teeth in a broader smile, and responded "Good Evening," at the same time allowing the hand holding the revolver to drop by his side.

"I suppose you have called to see my husband?" she said as calmly as if it were a common occurrence for strange men to appear unannounced in her library at midnight. "I am sorry he is not in. I am expecting him in a short time, however, on the Fast Mail. Perhaps you will be seated and wait until he arrives."

The man laughed aloud. "Well, you are a game one," he said, "and no mistake. But that's too thin. You don't expect him at all to-night. I took pains to make sure that he wouldn't leave New York until to-morrow morning."

"Oh, very well," said she quietly, although her heart was thumping wildly. "Perhaps you are better posted as to his whereabouts than I am, but I certainly received a letter from him this morning, telling me to expect him to-night. However, since you didn't call to see him, perhaps you wouldn't mind telling me what is your business here?"

"Not a bit," said the man. "I'm after your diamonds and your silver. I know you've got 'em both. I've seen you wear the diamonds, and I found out how much silver you've got from the cook that left here last week. I'll thank you to show me where they are —the quicker the better—and then I'll skip out before the night watchman comes along this way."

"And if I refuse?" she asked steadily.

The man tapped his revolver significantly. "It would be better for you not to," he said.

Mrs. Burdick made no further remark, but sat leaning back in her chair, looking curiously at the man, who stood now quite near her.

"Well," he said at length, with a surly frown, "why don't you start? What's the matter with you?"

"Oh, nothing," said she. "I was only looking at you, and I must say I am surprised."

"Why!"

"Why! Because you don't look at all as I expected you to."

"Expected me to! What do you mean? Why did you expect me to look like anything? You never even heard of me!"

"No; but I suppose—— Well, you really are a burglar, aren't you?"

"You bet I am, and I'm a good one, too. I can show you several tricks of my trade if you don't show up those sparklers pretty quick. Hurry up, will you?"

The lady made no movement to rise. "Well," she said at length reflectively, "I've looked for you under the bed every night for a good many years, and I always thought you would be a sort of villainous-looking fellow, with matted black hair and dirty hands. But you—— Why, you look almost like a gentleman!"

A wave of hot color swept over the man's sallow face. "How do you know but what I have been one and am one yet?" he asked sarcastically, laying the revolver upon the desk, against which he leaned with folded arms.

"Maybe you've been one, but you're not one now. Gentlemen," said Mrs. Burdick haughtily, "don't wear their hats in the presence of ladies, nor bring mud into their houses on their feet," she added, glancing with indignation at his dirt-encrusted soles.

The burglar removed his hat and laid it on the desk, after which he lifted first one foot and then the other and gazed critcally at them.

"Ten thousand pardons!" he exclaimed, as he carefully gathered up several pieces of mud and threw them in the grate. "There wasn't any door mat at the window where I came in, and I was in a hurry."

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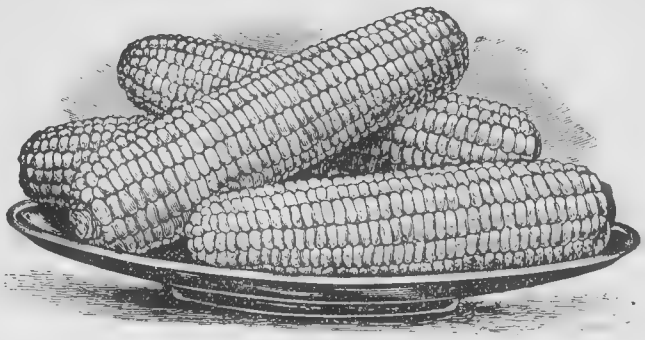

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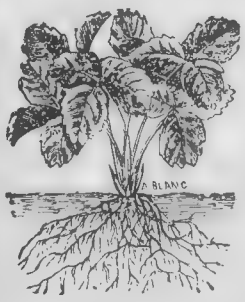

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midnight, demanding my private property. How dare you do such a thing, sir! You've no business to have my things!"

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"It seems to me that a smaller share got in a safe and respectable way would be more satisfactory than a fortune gained in such a risky—er—profession as yours."

"It may be risky, but it isn't any worse than the Board of Trade," said the burglar meaningly, "and it's just about as honest, too. That's where your father got the money he gave you to build this house with."

Mrs. Burdick flushed angrily and opened her mouth for an indignant response, but she thought better of it. The next moment she laughed good-naturedly, and said: "Well, you seem to know all about my private affairs, and are as plain-spoken as I am myself. We'll not try to discuss the matter, please. Do you know, I was just thinking about your wife. I should think it would be quite unpleasant for her to have you away so much at night and never know whether you are going to come home with your full share or be landed in the police station."

"My wife!" said the burglar. "Oh, she don't mind. She's in the same business herself."

"Dear me! And so she is a burglar, too?"

"Well—not exactly. She's—well—she's a shoplifter."

"Oh, I see! And have you any family?"

"One. Boy just past four."

"And is he a burglar, too?"

"Well, I should say not!" said the man with indignation. "You ought to see the kid. I tell you, he's as high-toned a little chap as anybody's. He goes to kindergarten, and we keep him dressed up nice all the time, and, you bet, he don't train with everybody's young ones either. We're bringing him up straight, we are, and after a while we're going to quit and live different and take him in good society."

"That will be nice," said she, nodding her head approvingly. "I'm glad to hear you talk that way. It shows you have the right feeling for your child, even if you are a burglar. We all want our children to have something better than we have ourselves. I'm alwa- interested in people with children. We have a boy, too, and that's the way we feel about him. He's not as old as your's nearly, but he is such a darling! You ought to see my baby! He's the handsomest little fellow, and unusually bright for his age. He's only ten months old, and he has six teeth, and says 'Papa' already."

"I'd like to see him," said the burglar, with interest. "I'm awful fond of children, but I guess you'd better not disturb him."

"No; I think I won't. He's afraid of strangers, too. Do you drink tea?" she asked suddenly.

"When I can't get anything stronger."

"Well, I think I'll make some. I've been writing a paper on 'Food as a Moral Agent, for our Woman's Club, and I'm rather faint. I always have a cup for Mr. Burdick when he comes in, and a sandwich, too; but since you say he's not coming to-night, we'll not wait. If you will have a seat, I shall be pleased to serve you," she added politely.

She arose from her chair and went over to the pretty wicker tea table with its handsome service, and drew it out in front of the grate. The burglar watched her suspiciously for a moment or two, and his hand stole towards his revolver; but finding that she set herself to making the tea with evidently no other intention, he sat down close to the little table. The fire sputtered merrily in the grate, and the handsome white cat came and rubbed in a friendly fashion against his legs. He drew a sigh of comfort, and leaned back in the depths of Mr. Burdick's own luxurious easy-chair, while he watched his hostess with as much composure as if he had all his life been accustomed to taking tea at midnight in ladies' parlors. And, indeed, watching Mrs. Burdick making tea was a sight which any man would enjoy, for she was an extremely pretty and graceful young woman. She wore a handsome gown of scarlet silk, trimmed with quantities of white lace, and her hands, which moved deftly amongst the tea things, were white, and adorned with several choice gems. Her guest viewed the jewels with interest and the air of a connoisseur.

She glanced demurely at him from under her long eyelashes, and said smilingly, as she held the sugar tongs poised above the dainty Sevres cup, "One lump, or two, Mr.——?"

"Smith," responded the burglar, after a few moments' hesitation. "Two, if you please, but no cream."

She handed the cup to him with all the grace and courtesy with which she would have served a prince. Then she took a cup herself and sat down with it in her revolving desk chair. Both sipped their tea in silence. The burglar gazed thoughtfully into the grate, and the lady watched him curiously. How thin he was, poor fellow, and how sad and tired his eyes were! Her heart quite warmed to him when she remembered how proudly he had spoken of the kid.

"No man that loves his child so tenderly can be wholly bad," she thought. Once he looked at his silver spoon critically and weighed it upon his finger.

"I'll never see that again," she said to herself. But he laid it back on his saucer, and, taking a last draught, turned toward her.

"Another cup?" she asked hospitably. "No?" Perhaps you will smoke?" pushing toward him Mr. Burdick's generously filled cigar-holder.

"Thanks," he responded gravely and with an air of reproach. "Gentlemen never smoke in the presence of ladies."

"Fairly caught!" exclaimed she, laughing gayly. "Well, then, if you will not smoke, or drink any more tea, please tell me how you came to be a burglar?"

It's a long story, and it isn't a very pretty one, but if you want to know, I'll tell you. Once," said the burglar, "I expected to have a home like this."

Mrs. Burdick nodded sympathetically.

"Of course, we didn't begin at the top, like you have; but we lived decent, Lizzie and I. We had a little cottage, with vines growing over it, and we were as happy as a king and queen, 'specially after the kid came. Lizzie's father kept the main store in the little town where we lived. He wasn't rich, but he was comfortable, and I worked for him. 'Twould have been all right if I'd been willing to wait. I suppose if I'd been square I'd have been his partner some day, and had it all, for Lizzie was an only child. But the salary was small, the old man was close, and I wanted to see Lizzie and the kid have things that other folks had. So I fixed up the books in a way so as I could take out something once in a while from the cash drawer.

"'Twasn't hard, for he trusted me with everything, and I done it regular for two years. Sometimes I thought I'd stop and save up so as I could pay it back. But Lizzie, she was so tickled when I brought her home a new dress or a gewgaw for the kid. So I kept on, getting in deeper and deeper.

"Well, of course it couldn't end but one way. 'Twas all found out in the end. My, but wasn't the old man crazy! Nothing was too mean for him to do or say; and Lizzie, she sided right in with him. He took her and the kid right home, and told me to go—somewhere and never show my face around them again. He wouldn't prosecute on account of the disgrace to the family; but, Lord! he might as well! Everybody in town knew about it and I couldn't have got a job whitewashing. Lizzie got a divorce from me, and I skipped out for the city, and started on the road to the place he sent me to. It didn't seem like I cared what became of me after that. What's the use of

Mr. Wyatt, coming home on the train, heard two of his neighbors discussing the dearth of maids in their suburb. Mr. Deering remarked mournfully that his family had not had a cook for two months. He advertised and offered all kinds of inducements, but it seemed impossible to inveigle any one to preside over their kitchen. Day before yesterday they did have a ray of hope, but it was gone.

"Our laundress, Mrs. Johnson, brought her niece, who has just come from Sweden, to our house, and although the girl couldn't speak a word of English, Mrs. Deering engaged her at once. But yesterday Mrs. Johnson sent her small son over to inform us that Ingeborg had changed her mind, and we heard this morning that she had been promised to the Fairbankses before she came to us. But when she went to see Mrs. Fairbanks, she declined to remain there."

"Well, that's funny," said Mr. Dean. "We tried to get that same girl, but she simply shook her head when Mrs. Johnson interpreted my wife's offer, which, if I don't exaggerate, included the use of our piano, automobile and tennis court."

The gentlemen laughed, but there was a note of anxiety in Mr. Wyatt's merriment.

"Your tales rather alarm me," he said. "My wife has been scouring the country for a maid, and last night she told me with delight that she had finally secured one. I was going home this evening in the happy anticipation of finding the fair Ingeborg cooking the supper, but now I don't know what to expect."

"Well, don't imagine she'll be there," said Mr. Deering. "I'm sure she's a Swedish will-o'-the-wisp."

To Mr. Wyatt's surprise and relief, Mrs. Wyatt met him at the gate with the good news that Ingeborg was installed in the kitchen.

"If she'll only stay," he remarked, feelingly.

"Why, she appears perfectly contented. What makes you suggest her leaving?"

"I was just hoping that our domestic troubles were really over," answered Mr. Wyatt, not wishing to disturb his wife's peace of mind by repeating the stories he had heard on the train; but it was not until Ingeborg had been with him several weeks that he could believe she intended to remain.

When at last she became a "neat-handed Phyllis" under Mrs. Wyatt's careful training, he asked her one day how she happened to choose their home among all the places which had been offered to her.

"Vell," she replied, brightly, "I have say to mineself, I vant to be happy; and vun lady she look worry, and an-udder has sad sigh, and vun she have —vat you call it? a yarring voice; and ven I see Mrs. Vyatt, I tells mineself, I be happy vit that lady; she smile."

The Freedom of the Black-faced Ram.

By CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS

ON the top of Ringwaak Hill the black-faced ram stood motionless, looking off with mild, yellow eyes across the wooded level, across the scattered farmsteads of the settlement, and across the bright, retreating spirals of the distant river, to that streak of scarlet light on the horizon which indicated the beginning of sunrise. A few paces below him, half hidden by a gray stump, a green juniper bush, and a mossy brown hillock, lay a white ewe with a lamb at her side. The ewe's jaws moved leisurely, as she chewed her cud and gazed up with comfortable confidence at the sturdy figure of the ram silhoetted against the brightening sky.

This sunrise was the breaking of the black-faced ram's first day in the wilderness. Never before had he stood on an open hilltop and watched the light spread magically over a wide, wild landscape. Up to the morning of the previous day, his three years of life had been passed in protected, green-hedged valley pastures, amid tilled fields and well-stocked barns, beside a lillied water. This rugged, lonely, wide-visioned world into which fortune had unexpectedly projected him filled him with wonder. Yet he felt strangely at ease therein. The hedged pastures had never quite suited him; but here, at length, in the great spaces, he felt at home. The fact was that, alike in character and in outward appearance, he was a reversion of far-off ancestors. He was the product of a freak of heredity.

In the fat-soiled valley-lands some fifteen miles back of the Ringwaak Hill the farmers had a heavy, long-wooled, hornless strain of sheep, mainly of the Leicester breed, which had been crossed, years back, by an imported Scotch ram of one of the horned, courageous, upland, black-faced varieties. The effect of this hardy cross had apparently all been bred out, save for an added stamina in the resulting stock, which was uniformly white and hornless. When, therefore, a lamb was born with a black face and blackish-gray legs, it was cherished as a curiosity; and when, in time, it developed a splendid pair of horns, it became the handsomest ram in all the valley, and a source of great pride to its owner. But when black-faced lambs began to grow common in the hornless and immaculate flocks, the feeling of the valley-folks changed, and word went around that the strain of the white-faced must be kept pure. Then it was decreed that the great horned ram should no longer sire the flocks, but be hurried to the doom of his kind and go to the shambles.

Just at this time, however, a young farmer from the backwoods settlement over behind Ringwaak chanced to visit the valley. The sheep of his settlement were not only hornless, but small and light-wooled as well, and the splendid, horned ram took his fancy. Here was a chance to improve his breed. He bought the ram for what he was worth to the butcher, and proudly led him away, over the hills and through the great woods, toward the settlement on the other side of Ringwaak.

The backwoodsman knew right well that a flock of sheep may be driven, but that a single sheep must be led; so he held his new possession securely by a piece of stout rope about ten feet long. For an hour or two the ram followed with an exemplary docility quite foreign to his independent spirit. He was subdued by the novelty of his surroundings,—the hillocky, sloping pastures, and the shadowy solemnity of the forest. Moreover, he perceived, in his dim way, a kind of mastery in this heavy-booted, homespun-clad, tobacco-chewing, grave-eyed man from the backwoods, and for a long time he felt none of his usual pugnacity. But by and by the craving for freedom began to stir in his breast, and the blood of his hill-roving ancestors thrilled toward the wild pastures. The glances which, from time to time, he cast upon the backwoodsman at the other end of the rope became wary, calculating, and hostile. This stalwart form, striding before him, was the one barrier between himself and freedom. Freedom was a thing of which he knew, indeed,

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nothing,—a thing which, to most of his kind, would have seemed terrifying rather than alluring. But to him, with that inherited wildness stirring in his blood, it seemed the thing to be craved before all else.

Presently they came to a little cold spring, bubbling up beside the road and tinkling over the steep bank. The road at this point ran along a hillside, and the slope below the road was clothed with blueberry and other dense shrubs. The backwoodsman was hot and thirsty. Flinging aside his battered hat, he dropped down on his hands and knees beside the spring and touched his lips to the water.

In this position, still holding the rope in a firm grasp, he had his back to the ram. Moreover, he no longer looked either formidable or commanding. The ram saw his chance. A curious change came over his mild, yellow eyes. They remained yellow, indeed, but became cold, sinister, and almost cruel in their expression.

The backwoodsman, as he drank, held a tight grip on the rope. The ram settled back slightly, till the rope was almost taut. Then he launched himself forward. His movement was propelled by a gigantic spring. His massive, broad-horned forehead struck the stooping man with terrific force.

With a grunt of pain and amazement the man shot sprawling over the bank, and landed half stunned, in a clump of blueberry bushes. Dazed and furious, he picked himself up, passed a heavy hand across his scratched, smarting face, and turned to see the ram disappearing among the thickets above the road. His disappointment so overcame his wrath that he forgot to exercise his vigorous backwoods vocabulary, and resumed his homeward way with his head full of pains for the recapture of his prize.

The ram, meanwhile, trailing the length of the rope behind him, was galloping madly through the woods. He was intoxicated with his freedom. These rough, wild, lonely places seemed to him his home. With all his love for the wilderness, the instinct which had led him to it was altogether faulty and incomplete. It supplied him with none of the needful forest lore. He had no idea of caution. He had no inkling of fear. He had no conception of the enemies that might lurk in thickets or hollows. He went crashing ahead as if the green world belonged to him, and cared not who might hear the brave sound of his going. Now and then he stepped on the rope, and stumbled; but that was a small matter.

Through dark strips of forest, over rocky, tangled spaces, across slopes of burnt barren, his progress was always upward, until, having traversed several swampy vales and shadowy ravines, toward evening he came out upon the empty summit of Ringwaak. On the topmost hillcock he took his stand proudly, his massive head and broad, curled horns in splendid relief against the amber sky.

As he stood, surveying his new realm, a low bleat came to him from a sheltered hollow close by, and, looking down, he saw a small white ewe with a new-born lamb nursing under her flank. Here was his new realm peopled at once. Here were followers of his own kind. He stepped briskly down from his hillock and graciously accepted the homage of the ewe, who snuggled up against him as if afraid at the loneliness and the coming on of night. All night he slept beside the mother and her young, in the sheltered hollow, and kept no watch because he feared no foe. But the ewe kept watch, knowing well what perils might steal upon them in the dark.

As it chanced, however, no midnight prowler visited the summit of Ringwaak Hill, and the first of dawn found the great ram again at his post of observation. It is possible that he had another motive besides his interest in the new, wonderful world. He may have expected the woodsman to follow and attempt his recapture, and resolved not to be taken unawares. Whatever his motive, he kept his post until the sun was high above the horizon, and the dew-wet woods gleamed as if sown with jewels. Then he came down and began to feed with the ewe, cropping the short, thin grass with quick bites and finding it far more sweet than the heavy growths of his old pasture.

Late in the evening, when pasturing was over for the time, the ram and the little ewe lay down in the shade of a steep rock, comfortably chewing their cud, while the lamb slept at its mother's side. The ram, deeply contented, did not observe two gray-brown stealthy forms creeping along the slope, from bush to rock, and from stump hillock. But the ewe, ever on the watch, presently caught sight of them, and sprang to her feet with a snort of terror. She knew well enough what a lynx is. Yet for all her terror she had no thought of flight. Her lamb was too young to flee, and she would stay by it in face of any fate.

"He kept his post till the sun was high above the horizon."

The ram got up more slowly, turned his head, and eyed the stealthy strangers with grave curiosity. Curiosity, however, changed into hostility as he saw by the ewe's perturbation that the strangers were foes; and a sinister glitter came into the great gold eyes which shone so brilliantly from his black face.

Seeing themselves discovered the two lynxes threw aside their cunning and rushed ravenously upon what they counted easy prey. They knew something of the timorous hearts of sheep, and had little expectation of resistance. But being, first of all, hungry, rather than angry, they preferred what seemed easiest to get. It was upon the lamb and ewe that they sprang, ignoring the ram contemptuously.

One thing which they had not reckoned with, however, was the temper of the ewe. Before one fierce claw could reach her lamb, she had butted its assailant so fiercely in the flank that he forgot his purpose and turned with a snarl of rage to claw her. Meanwhile, the other lynx, springing for her neck, had experienced the unexpected. He was met by the lightning charge of the ram, fair in the ribs, and hurled

sprawling into a brittle, pointed tangle of dead limbs sticking up from the trunk of a fallen tree.

Having delivered this most effective blow, the ram stepped back a pace or two, mincing on his slender feet, and prepared to repeat it. The lynx was struggling frantically among the branches, which stuck into him and tore his fine fur. Just in time to escape the second assault he got free,—but he got free not for fight but for flight. One tremendous, wildly contorted leap landed him on the other side of the dead tree; and, thoroughly cowed, he scurried away down the hillside.

The ram at once turned his attention to the ewe and her antagonist. But the second lynx, who had not found his task so simple as he had expected it to be, had no stomach left for one more difficult. The ewe was bleeding about the head, and would, of course, if she had been left to fight it out, have been worsted in a very short time. But the enemy had felt the weight of her blows upon his ribs, and had learned his lesson. For just a fraction of a second he turned, and defied the ram with a screeching snarl. But when that horned, black, battering head pitched forward at him he bounded aside like a furry gray ball and clambered to the top of the rock. Here he crouched for some moments, snarling viciously, his tufted ears set back against his neck, and his stump of a tail twitching with rage, while the ram minced to and fro beneath him, stamping defiance with his dainty hoofs. All at once the big cat doubled upon itself, slipped down the other side of the rock, and went gliding away through the stumps and hillocks like a gray shadow; and the ram, perhaps to conceal his elation, fell to grazing as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. The ewe, on the other hand, seeing the danger so well past, took no thought of her torn face, but

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set herself to comfort and reassure the trembling lamb.

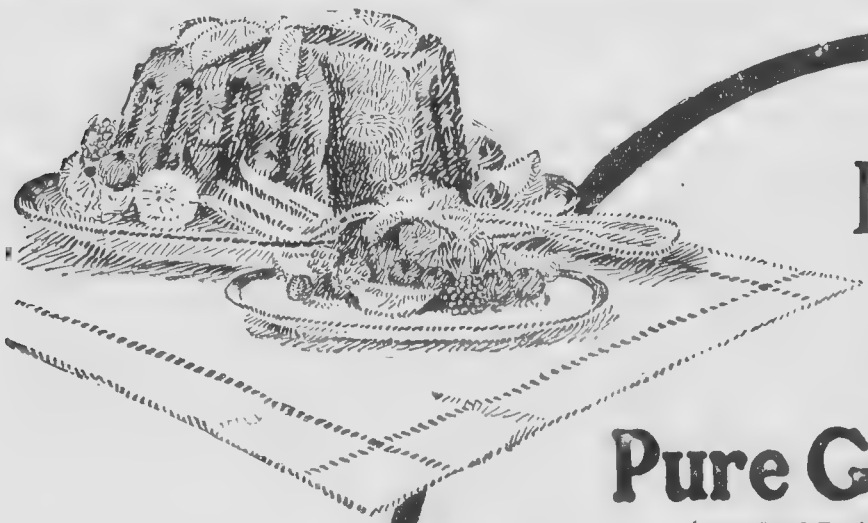
After this, through the slow, bright hours while the bright sun swung hotly over Ringwaak, the ram and his little family were undisturbed. An eagle, wheeling, wheeling, wheeling in the depths of the blue, looked down and noted the lamb. But he had no thought of attacking so well guarded a prey. The eagle had a wider outlook than others of the wild kindred, and he knew from of old many matters which the lynxes of Ringwaak had never learned till that day.

There were other visitors that came and glanced at the little family during the quiet content of their cud-chewing. A weasel ran restlessly over a hillocp and peered down upon them with hard, bright eyes. The big ram with his black face and huge, curling horns, was a novel phenomenon, and the weasel disappeared behind the hillock, only to appear again much nearer, around a clump of weeds. His curiosity was mingled with malicious contempt, till the ram chanced to rise and shake his head. Then the weasel saw the rope that wriggled from the ram's neck. was it some new and terrible kind of snake? The weasel respected snakes when they were large and active; so he forgot his curiosity and slipped away from the dangerous neighborhood.

The alarm of the weasel, however, was nothing to that of the woodmice. While the ram was lying down they came out of their secret holes and played about securely, seeming to realize that the big animal's presence was a safeguard to them. But when he moved, and they saw the rope trail sinuously behind him through the scanty grass, they were almost paralyzed with panic. Such a snake as that would require all the woodmice on Ringwaak to assuage his appetite. They fairly fell backwards into their burrows, where they crouched quivering in the darkest recesses, not daring to show their noses again for hours.

Neither weasel nor woodmice, nor the chickadees which came to eye him saucily, seemed to the big ram worth a moment's attention. But when a porcupine, his quills rattling and bristling till he looked as big around as a half-straight and swift, as if it had been bushel basket, strolled aimlessly by, the ram was interested and rose to his feet. The little, deep-set, eyes of the porcupine passed over him with supremest indifference, and their owner began to gnaw at the bark of a hemlock sapling which grew at one side of the rock. To this gnawing he devoted his whole attention, with an eagerness that would have led one to think he was hungry,—as, indeed he was, not having had a full meal for nearly half an hour. The porcupine, of nature's children, is the best provided for, having the food he loves lying about him at all seasons. Yet he is forever eating, as if famine were in ambush for him just over the next hillock.

Seeing the high indifference of this small, bristling stranger, the ram stepped up and was just about to sniff at him inquiringly. Had he done so the result would have been disastrous. He would have got a slap in the face from the porcupine's active and armed tail; and his face would have straightway been transformed into a sort of anguished pincushion, stuck full of piercing, finely barbed quills. He would have paid dear for his ignorance of woodcraft—perhaps with the loss of one eye, or even with starvation from a quill working through into his gullet. But fortunately for him the ewe un-



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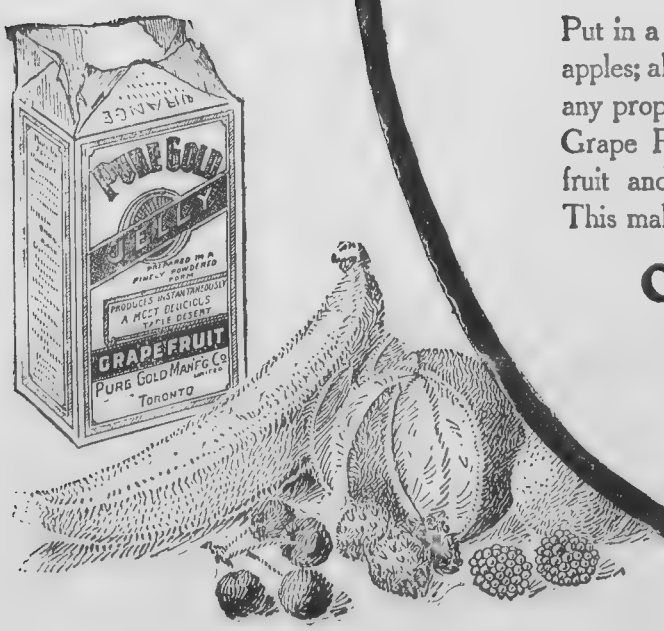

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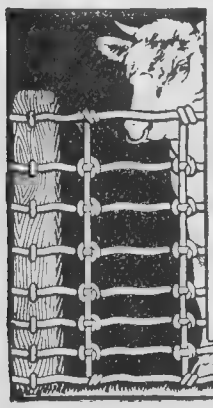

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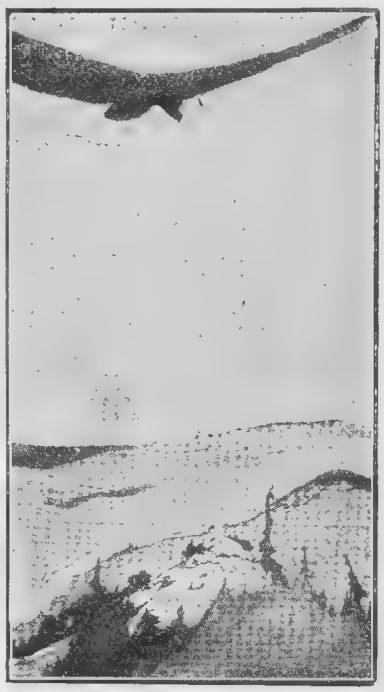
derstood the peculiarities of porcupines. Just in time she noted his danger, and rudely butted him aside. He turned upon her in a fume of amazed indignation; but in some way she made him understand that the porcupine was above all law, and not to be trifled with even by the lords of the wilderness. Very sulkily he lay down again, and the porcupine went on chiseling hemlock bark, serenely unconscious of the anger in the inscrutable yellow eyes that watched him from the ram's black face.



"Everything took on a palpitating aerial strain."

When the shadows grew long and luminous, toward evening, the ram, following some unexplained instinct, again mounted the topmost point of Ringwaak, and stood like a statue gazing over the vast, warm-colored solitude of his new domain. His yellow eyes were placid with a great content. A little below him, the white lamb wobbling on weak legs at her side, the ewe pastured confidently, secure in the proved prowess of her protector. As the sun dropped below the far-off western rim of the forest, it seemed as if one wide wave of lucent rose-violet on a sudden flooded the world. Everything on Ringwaak—the ram's white fleece, the gray, bleached stumps, the brown hillocks, the green hollows and juniper clumps and poplar saplings,—took on a palpitating aerial strain. Here and there in the distance the coils of the river gleamed clear gold; and overhead, in the hollow amber-and-lilac arch of sky, the high-wandering night-hawks swooped with the sweet twang of smitten strings.

Down at the foot of the northern slope of Ringwaak lay a dense cedar swamp. Presently, out from the green fringe of the cedars, a bear thrust his head and cast a crafty glance about the open. Seeing the ram on the hilltop and the ewe with her lamb feeding near by, he sank back noiselessly into the cover of the cedars, and stole around toward the darkening eastern slope, where a succession of shrubby copses ran nearly to the top of the hill.

The bear was lank, rusty-coated, old, and hungry, and he loved sheep. He was an adept in stalking this sweet-fleshed, timorous quarry, and breaking its neck with a well-directed blow as it dashed past him in a panic. Emerging from the swamp he crept up the hill, taking cunning advantage of every bush, stump, and bowlder. For all his awkward-looking bulk he moved as lightly as a cat, making himself small, and twisting and flattening and effacing himself; and never a twig was allowed to snap, or a stone to clatter, under his broad, unerring feet.

About this time it chanced that the backwoods man, who had been out all day hunting for his lost prize, approached the edge of the forest at the other side of Ringwaak,—and saw the figure of the ram against the sky. Then, seeing also the ewe with the lamb beside her, he knew that the game was his.

Below the top of the hill there was not a scrap of cover for a distance, perhaps, twenty paces. The bear crept to the very last bush, the ram being occupied with the world at a distance and the ewe busy at her pasturing. Behind the bush the—a thick spreading juniper—bear crouched motionless, for some seconds, his little red eyes aglow, and his jaws beginning to slaver with eagerness. Then, selecting the unconscious ewe because he knew she was not likely to desert the lamb, he rushed upon his intended victim.

The ewe, as it chanced, was about thirty-five or forty feet distant from the enemy, as he lunged out, black and appalling, from behind the juniper. At the same time the ram was not more than twenty or twenty-five feet distant, straight above the lamb, in a direction at right angles to the path of the bear. The ewe looked up with a startled bleat, wheeled, sprang nimbly before the lamb, and faced her doom dauntlessly, with lowered head.

The ram's mild gaze changed in a flash to one of cold, yellow savagery at the sight of the great black beast invading his kingdom. Down went his conquering head. For just a fraction of a second his sturdy body sagged back, as if he were about to sit down. This, so to speak was the bending of the bow. Then he launched himself straight down the slope, all his strength, his weight, and the force of gravity combining to drive home that mighty stroke.

The bear had never, in all his experience with sheep, encountered one whose resistance was worth taking into account. The defiance of the ewe was less than nothing to him. But as he saw, from the corner of his eye, the huge bulk plunging down upon him, he hesitated, and half turned, with a great paw upraised for a finishing blow.

He turned not quite in time, however,—and his defence was not quite strenuous enough for the emergency. He struck like lightning, as a bear always can, but just before the stroke could find its mark, the ram's armed forehead crashed into his ribs.

The blow, catching him as it did, was irresistible. His claws tore off a patch of wool and skin, and ploughed red furrows across the ram's shoulder,—but the next instant he was sprawling, his breath jarred from his lungs, against a stump some ten feet down the slope.

As the bear struggled to his feet, furious but half daunted with amazement, the ram danced backward a pace or two on his dainty feet, as if showing off, and then delivered his second charge. The bewildered bear was again

"In a few moments the little procession disappeared in the woods."

caught already, irresolute as to whether he should fight or flee, and again he was knocked headlong, a yard or two further down the slope. His was not the dauntless spirit that most of his kindred would have shown in such a case, and he would willingly have made his escape at once if he had seen his way quite clear to do so. But at this moment, while he hesitated, he heard a man's voice, shouting loudly, and saw the tall backwoodsman running toward him up the hill. This sight turned his alarm into a blind panic. His feet seemed to acquire wings as he tore madly away among the thickets. When he was hidden by the leafage, his path could still be followed by the crashing of dry branches and the clattering of loosened stones.

The woodsman had seen the whole incident, and was wild with enthusiasm over the prowess of the prize. Bears had been the most dreaded scourge of the settlement sheep-farmers, but now, as he proudly said to himself, he had a ram that could "lick a b'ar silly!" He bore no grudge on account of his discomfiture that morning beside the spring, but rather thought of it with appreciation as a further token of his favorite's cunning and prowess; and he foresaw, with a chuckle, that there were painful surprises in store for the bears of the Ringwaak range. He had made a wise purchase, indeed, when he saved that splendid beast from the butcher.

Hearing the man's voice, the ram had halted in dismay just when he was about to charge the bear the third time. He had no mind to go again into captivity. But, on the other hand, for all his lordliness of spirit, he felt that a man was his master. At first he lowered his head threateningly, as if about to attack; but when the backwoodsman shouted at him there was an authority in those tones which he could not withstand, and he sullenly drew aside. With a good-natured laugh the man picked the lamb up in his arms whereupon the mother stepped timidly to his side, evidently having no fear. The man rubbed her nose kindly, and stroked her ears, and gave her something from his pocket which she ate greedily; and, as the ram looked on, the anger gradually faded out of his yellow eyes. At length the man turned and walked slowly down the hill, carrying the lamb. The ewe followed, crowding as close to him as she could, and stumbling as she went because her eyes were fixed puon her little one.

The ram hesitated. He looked at the hillside, the woods, and the sky begining to grow chill with the onrush of twilight. Then he looked at the retreating figures. Suddenly he saw his world growing empty and desolate. With an anxious bleat he trotted after the ewe, and took his docile place a few feet behind the man's heels. The man looked over his shoulders and a smile of pleasure softened his rugged face. In a few moments the little procession disappeared in the woods, moving toward the settlement and Ringwaak Hill was left solitary in the dusk, with the lonely notes of the night-hawks twanging over it.

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Correspondence.

From One Who Might Wed.

Ont., Jan. 26th, 1910

Sir.—As I have read a few of the interesting letters which have appeared in the W.H.M., I thought it would not be out of place for me to try my hand. I think this is a good way to get acquainted with the young people and more especially the young ladies. I believe that many of the young ladies corresponding with young men would make excellent wives. We know there are some men who would make good husbands, but there are others who never know when a wife does enough. And what about the drunkard? I say shun him every time; also the man who chews tobacco. Just fancy a man wanting his wife to kiss him with his breath smelling from the use of the filthy weed. I am glad to be able to say I don't indulge in either. If any of the girls will write to me I would be most happy to reply. My name is with the editor. "Shoo Fly."

Who Wants Gum-Drop?

Camrose, Alta., Feb. 11th, 1910

Sir.—Just a few lines to pay homage to your charming paper, as all the readers do, and perhaps to air my views on the much vexed matrimonial question. First of all I will start out on the well worn trail and describe my rather insignificant person. I am about 5 ft 2 in. tall, slender, nearly eighteen and have grey eyes, a little daub of a nose and sufficient mouth for anyone. Nearly all the girls extend their tenderest sympathy to the "poor, dear bachelors." I think that young men who are new to homestead duties or other lonely work are to be pitied. But I know about ten bachelors, all on the shady side of thirty-five, who do not seem to be particularly lonely, so do not need sympathy. In fact, I heard one say that he missed a wife at no time except threshing. But I imagine that he and some of the rest of you will reach a toothless middle age if you don't get married soon. Why? Because of that stuff, which when thrown at a mule means sure death, in other words "hard tack." Now, boys, I would like to hear from any of you who answer the following description, or any others who wish to write. Would be pleased to correspond with a young man, rather big, dark and homeliness makes no difference but he must have a face minus freckles, in the summer, as I have enough for a dozen. I will close, wishing your paper every possible success. I am "A Gum-drop."

A Letter from Buttercup.

Alberta, Canada, Jan. 19th, 1910

Sir.—This is my first letter to the W.H.M. I think the paper is fine, only I don't see as many letters from Alberta as I would like. Now boys and girls, wake up and make the paper lively. I am a farmer's daughter, 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, weigh 120 pounds. I am not looking for a husband, but writing for pleasure. I feel sorry for the bachelors, but I think they ought not to chew, swear or drink. I don't mind a little smoke. I have seen men who would sit and chew, spit first this side and that side all over the floor. Who has to keep the house clean? Why the poor wife, of course. I hope to see this letter in print. Please send No. 1 to An Irish Colleen, Dublin, Ireland, No. 2 to Homesteader, Saskatchewan. I sign myself "Buttercup."

Is not Anxious for Correspondents.

Man., Jan. 25th, 1910

Sir.—I have been a subscriber to your paper for several years but have never sent a letter to the correspondence column before. I will not say much about matrimony but I think the "Unsatisfied Wife" gives pretty good advice. It is quite romantic to find a life partner by correspondence but one must be very careful. I think that it is bad enough for us men if we get married and then find out that we have made an error in choosing. I believe that many of the "love each other at first sight" cases are just as well off as many of those who know each other many years, and I believe that two people, without love, could live together quite satisfactorily, but they must be of noble character. Well, I am not on the matrimonial market and while I will be very pleased to receive some letters that I will answer, I will not ask anybody to write to me. My address is with the editor. Please editor send the enclosed letter to "All the way from India." Wishing you a Happy New Year, I will sign "On the Sick List."

Wants to Hear from Lonesome Louise.

Tuxford, Sask. ,Feb. 27th, 1910

Sir.—We have been readers of your splendid paper since we came up from Montana. Some of the letters in the Correspondence page are very amusing. We like the letter from the Dreamer very much, also the one from Lonesome Louise. At present we are looking after stock out west here and at times find it pretty lonesome. "Slim Jim" is 20 years of age, 5 ft. 11in. in height, 150 lbs., blue eyes, black hair and his mother says the best kid in the family. "Weary Willy" is 20 years of age, 5 ft. 8 in., 150 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, took his looks from a well-known eastern catalogue and lost them punching cattle. We both smoke cigarettes but do not drink; that being all we can get around here. We would be pleased to hear from Dreamer and from any other nice girls from the circle and we guarantee to reply to the letters received. Slim Jim has asked me whether the three Broncho Busters have rope enough to reach him. We have coiled the rope ourselves so would be pleased to hear from them. I guess I could catch Montana with a fifty foot rope. We will now close, hoping the editor will publish this letter and wishing the editor and all the circle a Happy New Year, we remain "Weary Willy and Slim Jim."

Kind Words for the W.H.M.

Swift Current, Feb. 6th, 1910

Sir.—As I have not seen the last two letters in print, I will try again, hoping you can find space in your correspondence column for this one. You will find enclosed one year's subscription to your valuable magazine. I always look forward to the coming of the W.H.M. as its pages are always filled with good stories and other interesting reading. A person can always find something to interest him or her in it. There are some very sensible letters in the correspondence columns and others I think are very silly. I some times think I would like to meet all the writers in the W.H.M. and believe we could have a very enjoyable time for a little while. I think there must be quite a number of them. I have been in the west for about five years and like it fine but there are not many ladies here, mostly bachelors and some of them are fine fellows, all good steady boys. I think some of the lady writers are far too hard on the boys. If they knew how lonesome they were they would be different. They say they wouldn't have a man who smoked or chewed or drank. Well, I want to tell you girls that if a man does nothing worse than smoke a pipe he is alright. The majority of them are far better than those who do not and besides they have to do something for pasttime. I know of some who go around with good clothes on and stand up collars and all that and who do not smoke but you most always see them in a pool room or swearing around where they think no one hears them. I say, girls, a man can do a worse thing than smoke for company and good looks don't cut any figure as long as a man

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has good habits and is a good steady worker and saves what he earns, he is good enough for any good girl. When a man is out working hard all day, he deserves a good wife and he would work harder and better if he had some one to support and to love him, and when he comes in from his work to be met with a smile and some kind word, he wouldn't feel half so tired. Girls, I am not married yet and don't expect to be for some time to come but when I am I should want a woman like that. I will sign myself "Rambler."

Of a Happy Disposition.

March 1, 1910.

Sir.—Here comes another Canadian girl and I hope I am not too late to be admitted. I have been reading the letters of the correspondence column and enjoy some of them very much. I am housekeeping at present on a Manitoba farm and enjoy the work, but find the evenings lonesome as there are no young people in the district.

I am 26 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, slight, dark hair, blue eyes, of a naturally happy disposition and have not found my affinity yet. But I cannot say that I expect to find him through the W. H. M., as I do not think it right for either one to become engaged without even having seen the other. Just the same it is a jolly way to get acquainted and let us make the very best of the opportunity.

The boys seem to be having a hard time persuading the girls that it is not so very bad to smoke, and the girls are equally difficult convincing the boys that they should not do all the chores. Now, although I would not care for a smoker myself, I do not think there are many women who, having the interest of their homes at heart, would mind doing one or two things outside once in a while, in a very busy season for instance.

Now, if any lonely kindred spirit of the West cares to write I will be pleased. All letters will be appreciated and duly answered. I hope I have not taken up too much valuable space.

"Manitoba Dutchie."

Jim and Jack.

Oliver, Sask., March 14, 1910.

Sir.—As we are interested in the correspondence column of the Western Home Monthly and would like to join your circle we are taking the liberty of writing a few lines. We are two lonely bachelors and would like to correspond with some of the fairer sex. Jim is 22, height 5 feet 10 inches, jet black hair with a fine heavy moustache (which is envied by all the bachelors around). Jack is 23 years old, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 145 pounds, blue eyes and golden hair. If the girls wish to write to us we will be glad to correspond and they will find our address with the editor. Hoping this will escape the waste paper basket and wishing your paper every success,

"Jim and Jack."

"Snowdrop" Joins the Circle.

Ingleford, Sask., March 1, 1910.

Sir.—I have been reading the W. H. M. for some time, and am very interested in the correspondence columns. I think that some of the letters are very good.

I pity an unsatisfied wife, as she must have a hard time of it.

I am 17 years old and am a farmer's daughter. I love to ride horseback and can ride quite fast. I like music and play the organ a little. I would like to hear from "Wun Un Hung" if they will write and also from "Shorty" and "Printer's Devil." My address is with the Editor. Will sign myself

"Snowdrop."

Brief But to the Point.

Unity, Sask., March 9, 1910.

Sir.—Although not a subscriber to your paper, I have read several issues from a friend, and being interested in the correspondence column would like to have a few lines from some of its girl readers. I am 21 years old and not bad looking. I smoke, but do not chew or drink. Am fond of sports and music but cannot dance; like plenty of fun and work. I am an Englishman by birth but have been in Canada eighteen months. This is my first letter but hope it will not be the last. Any reader wishing to correspond, my address is with the Editor. Wishing your paper every success.

"Long Len."

Wife Wanted.

Lethbridge, Alta., March 15, 1910.

Sir.—I have been reading the Western Home Monthly with great interest for the past few months, especially the correspondence columns, and now ask your help in finding me a wife.

I am a young man of thirty, have black hair, dark complexion and weigh 170 pounds.

Now, as to the woman of my choice. She must be a good cook, about 25 years of age, brown hair, blue eyes and weigh in the neighborhood of 130 pounds. Of course, I would expect my wife to take care of the chickens, feed the hogs and milk the cows. Let me say here that chicken money ought to keep us in groceries and coal and also what spending money I might need.

I would handle the purse. What does a woman need of money? Her place is in the kitchen. I can buy the one or two kitchen dresses she will need during the year. That is enough for any woman. If she does well with the chickens I might get her a good dress, providing she can make it herself. When I come from town at night she must meet me with a smile and a steaming hot supper. I will expect all the chores done, of course.

Now, if any young lady of this description cares to write to me my address will be with the Editor.

"Archibald."

British Columbia Bachelors.

Nelson, B. C., March 12 .1910.

Sir.—Through the kindness of my friend, Pythias and I were enabled to secure your February number. To say that we enjoyed it would be stating the case mildly. We appreciated to the full the thoughts expressed by the Rev. Mr. Gordon on his page. The article, "A National Danger and its Remedy," is, we decided, a most carefully written essay, and an education to its readers. Ranking close to this in interest is the correspondence column composed of a novel and entertaining group of letters.

The membership fee for entrance to your jolly "band of hope" seems to be a description of one's self. We are two young English fruit ranchers who have been in this country about eight years. We met in Montreal six years ago and have been chums ever since—which speaks well for Pythias! I am 24 years of age, he is 26. We are both fair and not particularly handsome. I have a corn and Pythias is the unhappy possessor of a bunion. Neither of us indulge in the pleasures of the bottle, though we both smoke a little and swear when we are angry—which is seldom with Pythias and often with me.

With these few remarks, Mr. Editor, I shall ask you to use your influence with "Jeanie" of the "despised sex" to correspond with us, and to any others who are willing to waste time on us we promise to do our utmost to make our correspondence interesting. Yours for future acquaintance.

"Damon and Pythias."

Farmer's Girl is Bashful.

Alberta, March 4th, 1910.

Sir—Having been an interested reader of your paper for several years I have at last screwed up courage enough to write. I have often thought of writing but as I am rather shy I have never succeeded. As it seems to be customary to describe one's self I will give you a description. Well, to begin with, I am of medium height, dark hair and blue

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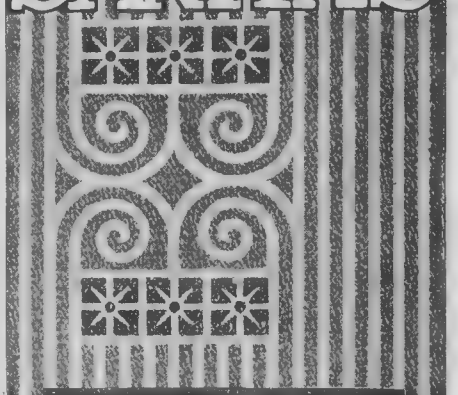

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eyes, fond of a good time and rather fond of riding, driving, skating, dancing and belong to a basket ball team; so I am, as a rule, able to enjoy myself. I live in the "wild west" where there are so few girls and so many lonely bachelors. Although there are only very few bachelors here, there are quite a number in the nearby settlements.

As to being a bachelor, I don't think I would fancy being one, as it must be very lonesome and uncomfortable. I have visited at a bachelor's home and had a better dinner than many girls could get up. Of course, I have seen their huts when they were enough to make a person faint, too, but I don't think they can be blamed as it is no pleasant duty to come in cold and hungry to a cheerless house and make a fire and a cup of tea and some flapjacks.

I would be very pleased to hear from "The Long Un," "Shortie" and "Sporty Bill" if they will write or send post cards first, as I am very bashful, but will be pleased to answer any letters I receive. Wishing your paper every success, "A Farmer's Girl."

This Person Chews.

Mather, Man., March 11, 1910.

Sir.—I have been a reader of your valuable paper for some time and thought I would write just for pure fun. I am fond of shooting and all outdoor sports and I smoke and chew. These are all my bad habits. I have a share in a half-section of the best land in Southern Manitoba. I am not a "ladies' man" and very shy, but I would like to correspond with some of the fair sex just for pastime. Would like to hear from "Lady Slavey from Old England" if she will write first. My address is with the editor.

"From the Old Sod."

Is Pleased with Canada.

Alberta, March, 11, 1910.

Sir.—Having recently become familiar with the W. H. M., am very much pleased with the varied and interesting contents. Am English and came to Canada over five years ago, and have not regretted doing so. I have for three years been in possession of a homestead in Sunny Alberta and think it much better to farm here on your own place than farm in England, paying a big rent for the use of the land. Having had good crops, we are all feeling hopeful, even us poor bachelors. Kindly do me the favor of forwarding the enclosed letter. Shall be pleased to answer letters from anyone who is kind enough to write to me. My address is with the editor.

"Farmer."

From a Sociable Homesteader.

Calgary, Alta., March 12, 1910.

Sir.—I find much pleasure in reading the correspondence page of the W. H. M. Girls and boys, I think we ought to be thankful for a medium which affords us such a social intercourse. How pleasant and cheering it is for the lads homesteading in the West to receive letters and cards from other parts of this vast Dominion of ours.

I am a homesteader and could ask no better place to live if only there were a few more sociable young people. As I am a social fellow, it is very unpleasant to be without company. Now, girls and boys, drop me a line just to see what kind of a chap I am. I will guarantee you a good time.

A word of description—Age 24 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 160 pounds. To any wishing a minute description will be forwarded.

Mr. Editor, will you please send the enclosed letter to "Janet" of the February number? Thanking you for space—that is, if granted, I will sign, "Sociable."

"Weary Williee" is Lonely.

Moose Jaw, Sask., March. 4, 1910.

Sir.—Sitting in my shack this evening after washing up the dishes, read-

ing my dear old friend, the W. H. M., and the correspondence columns, I thought I would try my fist at sending a few lines.

The chief trouble as far as I can see is the "chore question" which gathers quite a difference of opinions, but nevertheless a woman's place is in the house and the man's outside. There would be nothing nicer, in my estimation, than to see a nice tidy house to come home to dinner in and afterwards for the wife to be dressed nice and tidy and a smiling face to come home to and chat with and talk over the affairs of the day when work and chores are finished. There are many little things happen during the day on the homestead to make one a little cross and miserable with one's self and coming home and having to make the meals and wash dishes does not tend to make one more pleased with himself, but these small dark clouds are nearly always driven away by the cheerful face of a wife and a comfortable fire to come home to.

I will not torture you with a description of my looks as I am very modest, but will tell you my age is 21 and trust that you will do me the favor of printing this and that some of the young ladies will take pity and write to "Weary Willie."

More Criticism for "The Doctor."

Dubuc, Sask., March 15, 1910.

Sir.—Having taken your paper for quite a long time, must say that I thoroughly enjoy its contents and think it an ideal western magazine. The one department, more than any other, that seems to appeal to the hearts of your many readers is the "correspondence." And this is only natural in a country where so many young fellows, who alone have undertaken the struggle of laying the foundation of a future home, are scattered over the lonely prairies with few opportunities to associate with other young people. This, I know, applies more particularly to the western districts; but I think the correspondence is read with interest wherever the paper goes.

I would like to have a few correspondents for pastime. I may say that I am between 25 and 28 years of age, and the genuine article, deferring further description for the present.

Well, what really brought me out with the pen was the "Doctor's" discourse in your February number. While having due regard for the views and ambitions of the "Doctor," I can not approve of the picture he draws up before us of his schoolmate, the farmer, where he sees him struggling with a team of oxen and an old breaker plow, when he himself, or his ideal, has reached the height of his ambition and the point where he can retire. Such a view is only pessimistic nonsense as concerning the farmer.

Allow me, my young friend, to pen another picture. I will gladly allow the doctor or bank manager to reach the height of his ambition, and even the point where he can retire. But while he has achieved this, by climbing the ladder of ability, which is long and slippery, as you term it yourself, the farmer has not slept his chances away, but has been wide awake. He has acquired more land; he has largely substituted mechanical power in place of his often unsatisfactory horses; he has studied up-to-date methods of soil cultivation and other operations on the farm and has been generously rewarded in bountiful crops. He has been able to build a modern residence with a view to comfort and convenience besides other necessary buildings, and all these enclosed by a beautiful grove of planted trees with nice shady walks, vegetable, fruit and flower gardens, etc. Alive to social and political needs, he has his telephone convenient, and his fine automobile with little trouble or waste of time will take him wherever he goes. He has advanced step by step until at last he finds his plans and ambitions fulfilled and he, too, sees the time where he can retire; not to abandon the dear old estate for the crowded city, but to remain where he can enjoy his well-earned rest and see the blessings of his labor.

And now, my friend, it has not been my intention to criticize your inclination or your idea of a profession, but merely to try to show your views of the farmer as a class as unreasonably pessimistic. By all means, study for doctor or whatever profession your inclination suggests. I apologize for the length of this and hope to see it in the paper. I will sign myself,

"Just a Bachelor."

From "Smiles."

Alberta, March 15, 1910.

Sir.—Your very valuable paper has been coming into our home for some months and I enjoy it very much as it helps to pass the lonely hours away for a poor farmer's daughter in the winter months.

I am 5 feet 2½ inches tall and am somewhat on the lean side. I have grayish-blue eyes and golden hair, and a fair country girl's complexion. I am not very pretty, at least have not had anyone tell me so. I am somewhat shy and so are some of the boys here. I am a pretty good cook and am not afraid of work. I can milk and don't mind doing it in the summer, but I think it is the man's duty to do it through the winter. If I ever have any chickens I would not mind taking care of them myself. I am somewhat lonesome in the long months of winter when I am not much out of doors. I would like to correspond with "Bright Wickaded." I will answer all letters. My address is with the Editor.

"All Smiles."

"Farmer" is Critical.

Viscount, Sask., March 11, 1910.

Sir.—I have been taking your magazine for some time and must say that I am well pleased with it and I would certainly feel lonesome if the W. H. M. was to cease its monthly visit. I am quite a close reader of the correspondence column. Some letters I think are pretty good; others again I despise. I do not approve of the "Doctor" in your February issue as he does not like the farmers. What do such people think? Now, Mr. "Doctor," if everybody should go studying medicine what would become of the world? I tell you right now that farming is the backbone of all industry and you know that as well as the rest of us. I am a farmer and I am proud of it, and any man that is not is a fool. Let every man attend to his own occupation and let alone running down that of other people's. Well, now I won't bother you any more, Mr. "Doctor," but you must not run down the farmers or you won't have many friends.

I want to plead my case personally, but I'll correspond for mutual benefit and will answer faithfully all letters.

"Farmer."

Another Letter from "Prairie Girl."

March 24, 1910.

Sir.—I wish through these columns to thank very much all who responded to my request some months ago. I received about fifty letters. Those who received no reply will now understand the reason. The letters were all interesting and I very much regretted not being able to reply to more. Among those with whom I opened a correspondence, many were kind enough to send me interesting books, papers, post cards and snapshots. To those I tender my sincere thanks and regret that I cannot respond.

Since writing, a change in circumstances has blown me back East, away to the very farthest coast, where I have taken charge of a very heavy school, which leaves me little time for recreation and none for lonesomeness. This compels me to give up all my correspondence in connection with the W. H. M. Again thanking all who took the trouble to write, I remain, although the name is no longer suitable,

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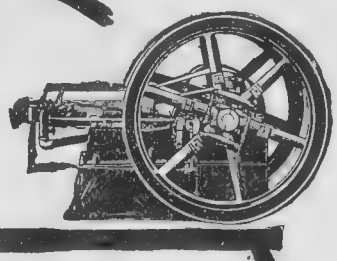

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Who Wants "Fairy"?

Dauphin, Man., March 11, 1910.

Sir.—I can no longer keep in the background for I wish to join your merry circle. My father has been a subscriber to your valuable paper for years and we could not be without it, as it's the favorite of the whole household. I think the correspondence columns are a splendid idea for people to get acquainted. I would like to correspond with some nice young fellow (I don't mean by "nice" that he's got small hands and feet, blue eyes and golden hair). I will answer all letters received. My address will be found with the Editor. Now, don't you think I am on the market as yet.

I am a farmer's daughter (and am glad of it, too,) and prefer the farm to everything else I have not tried.

"A Fairy."

From "Papa's Darling."

Moosomin, Sask., March 12, 1910.

Sir.—I have been an interested reader of your correspondence columns for some time but could never before make up my mind to write.

I am 17 years of age and have black hair and brown eyes. I am a little on the short side: 5 feet 3 inches, but will grow yet; weigh 126 pounds. I am very fond of music and dancing, but skating is my favorite amusement. I am a farmer's daughter, and can do all kinds of work inside and out.

Would like to correspond with any young gentleman, but don't prefer one that drinks or indulges in the soothing weed, or has a bad breath. My address is with the Editor.

"Papa's Darling."

Another Lonely One.

Eyebrow, Sask., March 16, 1910.

Sir.—Your very valuable paper has been coming regularly now for nearly three years. It is the most welcome paper I take. You certainly have improved it wonderfully since I first took it and hope you will continue to do so. "The Young Man and His Problem" is really interesting and the fiction is good. I am a lover of good reading and it is one of my pet hobbies in the winter months.

The young lady who signs herself "Modesty's Purest Gem" in the February issue is the kind of young lady the West can be proud of; no home is too good for her.

I am a young farmer in this beautiful district of Saskatchewan. I came from Ontario nearly three years ago to make a home of my own on account of my parents' death. I certainly have made a good start. I now have a good half section and a full line of machinery. The first year I started I bought four oxen and broke what I could. I thought it was quite a novelty to drive oxen at first, but the brightness soon wore off so I sold them and got five horses of the finest type. I have a good driver now and certainly enjoy it after driving oxen.

Well, some will perhaps want to know who I am and what I look like. I am 22 years old, have brown hair, blue eyes, am 5 feet 11 inches tall, weight 175 pounds. I would like a few lady correspondents to help keep batching from getting monotonous. I will gladly answer all letters.

"A Rival."

"Maple Leaf Jack" Has His Wish.

Nanton, Alta., March 13, 1910.

Sir.—I have never written to your valuable paper but have taken it for a number of years and have always been an intent reader of the correspondence columns.

It seems that the first thing one does is to describe himself, so here goes. I am 20 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch tall, have blue eyes, brown hair, weigh about 170 pounds; considered good looking; good natured and have no bad habits. Am very fond of reading and music and can play on the violin and organ. I am very fond of sports—riding and skating are my favorites. I live on a large farm about three miles from the nearest town.

I would like to correspond with some nice looking girl with blue eyes, fair hair, 5 feet 6 inches tall, between 15 and 20 years old, as there are so few girls around here pleasing to my taste.

I leave my address with the Editor. Well, I will now ring off as I think I have used up about my share of the space in your paper. Hoping to see this in print before Halley's comet comes, I wish your paper every success.

"Maple Leaf Jack."

"Happy Tom" On the Warpath.

Manitoba, March 18, 1910.

Sir.—I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper but a friend of mine allows me the pleasure of reading it. I find special interest in your correspondence columns and wish to join your merry lot. I came from the East, and being in business for myself, have not made many acquaintances with the fair sex on account of having not much time. I am of a happy nature, kind and sympathetic and like lots of sports, and am a lover of music, playing several instruments myself. I smoke cigars and pipe quite frequently and am awfully sensitive. My age is 26 years, height 5 feet 7 inches, weigh 145 pounds and must tell you right here I like all nice ladies immensely; in fact, would do anything for them. I am considered quite good looking.

I would like to correspond with "Given" and "Just a Plain Ordinary Girl"; also "Happiness," or any of your jolly bunch. Any lady caring to write will always be sure of a reply and would exchange photos if desired.

"Happy Tom."

Advice from "Barkis."

Moose Jaw, Sask., March 18, 1910.

Sir.—Believing it is permissible for an outsider to write to your correspondence circle, I thought I would like to say a few words in commendation of some and condemnation of others of your family.

To one who believes in a Christian life and in striving for the uplifting of himself and those with whom he comes in contact, it comes as rather a shock to find so many of the gentler correspondents expressing their views so lightly on the subject of drinking, smoking, chewing and profanity. Was it not W. E. Gladstone who said that the mothers ruled the land? If the wives tolerate certain habits in their husbands, how can they expect to keep their children from these very things? Is not example the very best of instruction? If a man won't give up any of his bad habits before he is married, at the request of the one who is to become his life partner, it is certain that he won't do it afterwards. This is hardly the place, nor is there room, to discuss the morality of the habits just mentioned, but to those who are earnest and who "think," they should not be tolerated.

Girls, use your prerogative and power to the uplifting of society. Realize that "life is not an empty dream," but strive that you may leave behind you "footprints on the sands of time," that will not mislead any who may follow in them.

Unless you may all think that I am one who has no part nor parcel with you, I will give a description of myself. In the mirror I hold before me, I see a face with two brown eyes, and hair that wants cutting badly. Beyond this I will not venture, except that I am 24 years of age and a homesteader who does not feel lonely when he has plenty to do, but one who, at the same time, appreciates the company of the fair sex.

"Barkis."

Answers to Correspondents.

Answers to questions will be given if possible, and as early as possible, only when the question is accompanied by the name and address of the questioner. The name is not for publication but as an evidence of good faith. The problem in behavior printed each month may be answered by any reader on a postcard. The best answer will bring the writer the present of a book.

Prize Problem for February.

The problem in this issue is proposed by a constant reader of our paper. Who will give the best answer?

One day, in conversation with my friend, Mrs. Rudy, I thoughtlessly passed a remark about Mrs. Pacoe to the effect that she was one of the loveliest characters I knew, but that she seemed to be pretty fond of displaying her powers as a conversationalist, especially before men. Two weeks later in a drawing room where both ladies were present Mrs. Rudy in a joking manner accused me of saying about Mrs. Pacoe that she was fond of gadding about with the men. I denied that I said this, but Mrs. Rudy said: "Don't deny it, now; you know you said it, and you know we all have our failings." What should I have done under the circumstances?

Problem in Behaviour.

The problem for February was as follows: Mrs. Brown and family have just come to Calgary. Her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Xanthope, are vulgar people and their children are very objectionable. Mrs. Brown does not wish to have anything to do with the Xanthopes. At an "at home" one afternoon Mrs. Brown is introduced to Mrs. Xanthope, who says: "I have been waiting to come and see you for a long time. May I call and bring my little girl?" What should Mrs. Brown say?

The prize answer is awarded to Laura A. Dynes, Burlington, Ont., for the following:—

Mrs. Brown should say to Mrs. Xanthope that she would be at home upon a certain date and would be pleased to have her come and see her then. Upon closer acquaintance she may find Mrs. Xanthope possessing virtues she little suspects, and a closer intimacy with people as refined as Mrs. Brown and her family would do much toward improving the character of Mrs. Xanthope and her children.—Laura A. Dynes, Burlington, Ont.

Other answers are as follows:—

As Mr. and Mrs. Xanthope and children are so objectionable, Mrs. Xanthope having asked permission to call, Mrs. Brown should very politely give the permission. When Mrs. Xanthope calls Mrs. Brown should be the only one "at home," be very polite but very reserved and dignified. Mrs. Xanthope will scarcely repeat the call.

It would be rude of Mrs. Brown to refuse when an acquaintance asks to call. Her answer should be: "Yes, Mrs. Xanthope, you may call and bring your little girl." This is polite but not pressing. Mrs. Brown does not return the call and does not permit her children to go. She also refuses them to play with Xanthope children, but both she and her children are agreeable when occasion demands. By so doing Mrs. Brown commands Mrs. Xanthope's respect and Mrs. Xanthope sees she does not care to be intimate.

A cut direct is better than deceit. Strange that such vulgar people ever gain admission to refined society. Mrs. Brown is certainly in a bad dilemma, as she will have to say to Mrs. Xanthope's face whether she intends to allow an intimacy between them or not. The only plan for Mrs. Brown is to "freeze" her neighbor's unwelcome advances and thus nip further acquaintance "in the bud," as it were. If she is not capable of doing this, she will no doubt murmur a polite, untruthful assent to Mrs. Xanthope's desire to call.

I would be much obliged to you for furnishing an answer to the question: If green poplar posts will last longer for fence purposes without or without the bark on?

Answer.—Without the bark.

A Sickly Fern.

Will you tell me how to treat an asparagus fern that has turned brown and weakly? I have repotted it and I water it daily and it has plenty of sunshine. Should the brown fronds be taken off? Or will fresh ones spring from the stem again? This is a large fern, and until this winter has been exceedingly well.

Answer.—If it turns brown it is probably too warm; if it turns white it is too wet. As a rule, it should be kept in shady spot and in rather cool atmosphere.

Blackheads.

Kindly let me know what is the cause of blackheads in the skin; how to rid the face of blackheads and how to prevent them.

Answer.—May somtimes be squeezed out by gentle pressure. Permanently removed by washing with warm water and severe friction with a towel. Then apply liquor of potassa 1 ounce, cologne 2 ounces, white brandy 4 ounces.

Wants a Position.

Would like very much to have your opinion on the advisability of a young girl (17) coming to Winnipeg to look for a position as a stenographer, she having a diploma. The girl in question lives East and wants to come West.

Answer.—If she is a good stenographer and typewriter, and can readily adapt herself to new conditions she can probably secure a position before very long, but she will have to canvas or get her friends to canvas for her, as positions are not to be had every day. Good, faithful, capable stenographers are always in demand.

A Siphon.

I have a well on the side of a hill with a slough at the bottom of the hill. The surface of the water in the well is one foot higher than the bottom of the slough. The surface of the water is seven feet six inches from the top of the ground at the well. If I put a pipe level with the surface of the water running out to the slough, also one connected with the other running down into the water, how high could I lift the water from the well (providing the water should get lower in the well) with a siphon rigged in that way? If I lowered the end of the pipe next to the slough four inches lower than the end at the well and put a valve on it so as to keep the pipe full of water, would the force of the water running out cause the siphon to lift water out of the well or would the siphon have to be started each time I wished to run water into the slough? The well is a two foot hole, sixty feet deep.

Answer.—If we understand the question aright, the siphon will lift the water about 30 feet above the surface of the water in the well. The difficulty, however, will be to get the siphon going. When once going it will continue to work until the water in the well gets as low as the surface of the slough. The siphon once filled and kept air tight will always be ready for use.

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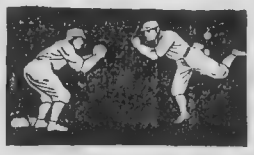

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Automobile News.

Good Roads.

The deputation that waited on the Provincial Government in the interests of Good Roads for Manitoba, met with a good reception and received promises from the Hon. Robt. Rogers, on behalf of the government, which would appear to hold out the hope that road surfaces will be considerably improved at an early date. To no member of the community should this prove of greater interest than to the farmer whose interest in the question is vital, as he is one of the most general users of the highway. With improved roads, the farmer will be enabled to reach his market town in a shorter time, and will also find it possible to haul in a greater load of wheat on the one trip than is possible on the existing roads. Improvements on highways are responsible for the opening up of points outside cities and the general increase in land values on all property contiguous to the highway. In the case of many American states where the roads have been improved, the advance in real estate values has been nearly forty per cent., owing to the movement to the outside by many of the former dwellers in the cities, who were previously deterred for home building outside the city limits, by the almost impassable condition of the roads in bad weather. Millions of dollars have been spent on the railroads by private capitalists and enormous land grants have been made to them by paternal governments, but with the modern methods of transportation replacing the horse drawn vehicles, it has become a necessity to turn attention to the claims of the roads which cover the country in every direction and to enter on a campaign of improvement which will make them reliable feeders to the railroads from points lying at some distance away, and thereby bring general prosperity to the whole country and not leave towns directly on the line of the railroads to reap the greatest benefit. With the Reeves of the various municipalities working in harmony with the members of the Good Roads Association in Winnipeg, as was the case in the recent deputation to the government, there is no doubt that a great work can be accomplished throughout Canada, which will, combined with the great railroad systems and water highways, give a means of transportation that will materially affect the transportation rates on the products of the farm, and the returning merchandise of the manufacturer.

Trade Notes.

The wonderful strides made by the automobile in Western Canada is evidenced by the growth in the list of dealers in Winnipeg, which has advanced fifty per cent. since 1909. No less than twelve firms are now doing business in the city as selling agents for thirty-six different makes of cars, and in addition to this there are two concerns doing a garage business only.

The management of the Winnipeg Garage Ltd., will after the 1st Sept. next pass into new hands. A controlling interest in the business has been secured by Mr. Martin Kelly and his son Geo. Kelly, who bought out the interest held by Mr. R. M. McLeod and Mr. C. H. McLaughlin. The latter gentleman will continue as manager until Sept. 1st.

The Winnipeg Motor Trades Association is a new organization formed by the Winnipeg dealers for the protection of their mutual interests. The first officers of the association are: President, Joseph Maw, of J. Maw & Co.; Vice-President, F. E. H. Luke, of the Canada Cycle & Motor Co.; Secretary-Treasurer, A. C. Emmett, The McLaughlin Carriage Co.; Board of Directors: W. C. Power, McLaughlin Carriage Co.; R. Muir, Central Garage; Geo. Kelly, Winnipeg Garage; Harry Pratt, Hub Automobile Co.; G. A. Malcolmson, Ford Motor Co.

At a meeting of the Association, held recently, a deputation was present from the Industrial Exhibition Board, with a view to obtaining the co-operation of the dealers in the arrangement of a series of contests at the big fair this year. The programme suggested will be as follows:—

July 13th Matinee and Race Meeting and Economy Contest.

July 14th and following days: Brake Test—cars to be driven towards a fixed mark at a speed not less than fifteen miles an hour and to be brought to a standstill by the use of the engine brake only. Then repeat performance using emergency brake only, and a final test using both brakes. Reliability Test—Cars to be driven through deep sand, loose mud, etc., and up a steep incline. Accessibility Test—Parts to be taken from car and replaced as directed by judges. Flexibility Test—Award to go to the car showing the most perfect control on high speed gear.

Prizes for every event will be given by the Exhibition Board, and the contests, under efficient management, should prove an extremely interesting feature of the exhibition programme.

English Tractors.

Auto tractors for the farmer are present this year in largely increased numbers and considerable thought has been given to their construction in order to make them as simple and reliable as possible. The English makers are giving attention to the Canadian market and it is possible that several firms will place their product in this country during the present season. One of the best known firms in the old country has produced a small steam tractor that would appeal to those who still favor steam for use on the farm machine and negotiations have been opened with a view to their introduction. The makers of the gasoline machine will, however, undoubtedly secure the greater part of the business, owing to the fact that their operation entails less work and the use of only one man to take care of the running of the machine. With a steam outfit, both an engineer and fireman have to be kept, with an addition of a team and driver to keep it supplied with fuel and water. There is also the disadvantage of having to get out an hour earlier than the threshing gang in order to get steam up, whilst the danger of burst tubes in the boiler in frosty weather, should the engine not be thoroughly drained at night, has also to be reckoned with. Summing up the situation it would appear that, for the heavy work of the farm, the motor is destined to rapidly replace the horse.

Autos at Carnduff, Sask.

Club Notes.

The annual general meeting of the Winnipeg Automobile Club, was held on Monday, March 7th, at the Commercial Club, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season. Patron, Sir Daniel McMillan; Hon. President, R. M. McLeod; President, C. H. Newton; 1st Vice President, D. Boyce Sprague; 2nd Vice President, W. L. Parrish; Executive Committee, S. P. Belcher, E. C. Ryan, W. C. Power, F. E. H. Luke, W R Bawlf, W A. T. Sweatman, A. A. Gilroy; Auditors, H. A. Aylwin and H. Gooderham.

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Farm Motor Contest.

The third annual Farm Motor Competition at the Industrial Exhibition, promises to be one of the most interesting features of the 1910 show. As in former years it will be under the management of Mr. A. Burness Greig, A.M.I.C.E., who was the first originator of the motor contests in Winnipeg.

Entry blanks are now being sent out to the manufacturers of steam and gasoline tractors, by Manager A. W. Bell, accompanied by a circular explaining the nature of the contest and the conditions under which the contests will be made. Professor A. R. Gregg, of the department of farm mechanics, Saskatchewan Agricultural College, Saskatoon, and Professor L. J. Smith, of the department of farm mechanics, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, will be the engineers in charge of the technical part of the tests. It is the intention of the contest committee to accurately ascertain in public trials the relative capabilities and efficiencies of the different engines and motors entered. Prizes consisting of gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to motors taking first, second and third places, respectively, in the different trials.

The following are the rules and conditions that will govern the contest this year:—

Rules and Conditions.

1. The entries shall be classified as follows by the judges:—

(a) Internal Combustion Engines 20 brake h.p. and under.

(b) Internal Combustion Engines 21 to 30 brake h.p.

(c) Internal Combustion Engines over 30 brake h.p.

(d) Steam Engines.

2. All entries must be made on or before June 1st, 1910. Entries must be accompanied by entry fee of $5.00 for each entry.

3. Any firm or individual may enter more than one motor.

4. The fuel used during any test shall be that supplied by the Exhibition Association, and will be supplied contestants at the following rates:—

Gasoline	20 cents per gallon
Gasoline	20 cents per gallon of 277 cubic inches.
Coal Oil	18 cents per gallon of 277 cubic inches.
Soft Coal	$8.50 per ton of 2,000 lbs.
Wood	$4.50 per cord.

5. Each competitor must have sufficient staff for the care of and running of his motor.

6. All motors entered for competition must be on the grounds not later than July 11th, 1910.

7. Each motor will be allotted an official number, which shall be displayed during the competition.

8. Each motor shall be allotted a certain space on the grounds where the motor shall be exhibited at all times, except when being tested. Only those motors taking part in the test will be allowed on this space.

9. The tests will comprise brake test, plowing-test, and such other tests as the judges deem essential.

10. The ploughs, belts, chains, water-tanks and such other things as may be required during the test must be supplied by the contestants.

11. The judges may test the engines in any order that may seem to them desirable. The contestants will be given one hour's notice when to be ready for test.

12. Each contestant must supply a recording dynamometer and sufficient charts for two hours' reading for all the tests of his engine.

Brake Test

shall consist of an economy test, extending over a period of two hours, and the maximum horse power test for a period of thirty minutes or longer, at the discretion of the judges.

Competitors will be allowed fifteen minutes after they have lined up to the brake, to try-out their engine, and to state the amount of load they wish to carry. Last year, some of the engines had to withdraw from the brake test, and the manufacturer should be careful to have everything in good shape for a hard run. After the competitor has stated the load he wishes to carry, the operators will keep the brake as near that load as possible for two hours and no change will be made. Careful measurements of the fuel and water used will be taken and the condition of the engine noted. Also the mean effective pressure developed in the cylinder will also be taken into account.

After the two hours' run, the test will be made of the maximum horse power the engine will develop for thirty minutes; careful measurements again being taken of all the fuel and water.

Hauling Tests

shall consist of hauling the load around the track for a period of two hours; the load shall be made up to suit the capacity of the engine. A number of loaded wagons will be provided, so that a load of any size may be obtained. The larger engines hauling the dead engine and one, two or more wagons as desired; between the engine and the load shall be placed a traction dynamometer, which shall accurately record the draw bar pull for the period of two hours. The course consists of part sod, part gravel and part block pavement; careful measurements of all fuel and water supplied will be taken and all stops, etc., that may occur. A trial round will be allowed so that the competitor may be able to select a suitable load. Note will be taken of the ton miles hauled; per unit of fuel and water used; the proportion of draw-bar horse power to the brake horse power and such other data as the judges deem essential.

Plowing Test

shall extend over a period of three hours, or longer, if deemed necessary by the judges. The contestants may use any make of plow they wish. The depth of plowing to be as directed by the judges. A recording dynamometer will be placed between the engine and the plow, which will accurately record the pull for at least a period of two hours. Careful measurements will be taken of the fuel and water used; the acres plowed; the drawbar pull; the fuel per acre; the distance travelled without replenishing, and such other data as the judges deem essential.

Design and Construction.

Under this head will be considered the perfection of the working parts from mud and dust; dust-proof bearings, accessibility of all parts, such as valves, igniters, bearings, fuel and water tanks; facilities for washing out the boiler; cleaning grates and tubes; easy manipulation, such as starting and stopping, reversing and the general handling of the engine; the clearance of working parts from the ground; the proportion of the various working parts of the machine and the materials of

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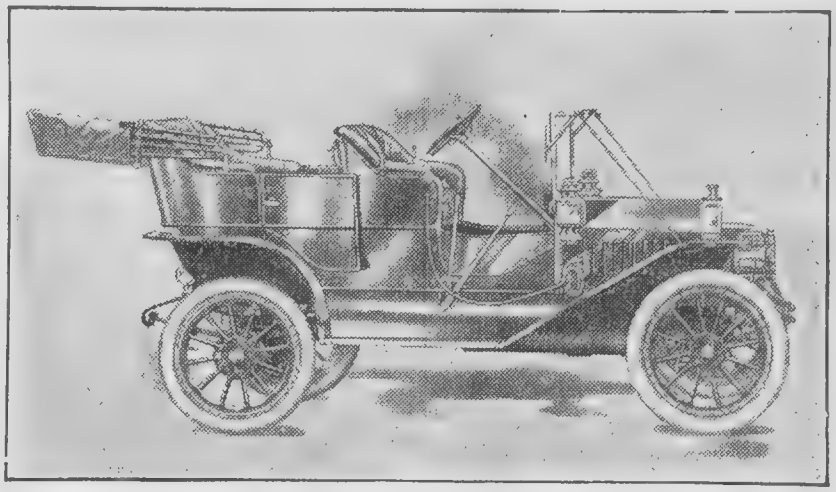

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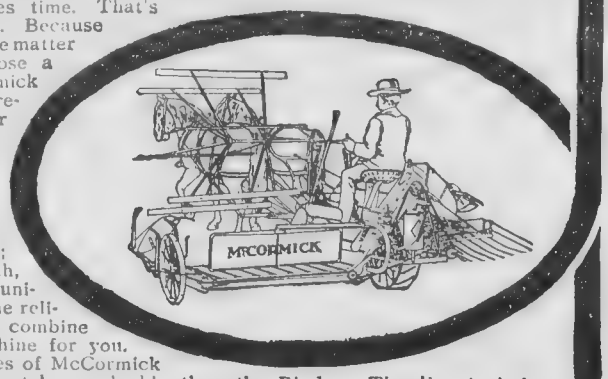

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construction; the workmanship and method of lubrication.

General.

It is to be expressly understood and agreed by the manufacturer that the engines entered in the competition are of the same material and construction as those he is selling in the open market. Only such pressures and speeds will be allowed during the tests as are used under ordinary working conditions. The judges may limit the speed or pressure of any engine when they deem it necessary to a fair test. Contestants must submit their dynamometer, steam gauges, etc., to such tests as the judges deem necessary to assure them of their accuracy.

Score Card.

The following are points upon which the awards will be made:

(May be changed at discretion of judges).

Brake Test	150
Hauling Test	100
Ploughing Tests	200
Design and Construction	50
	500

The entry blank, which is at present being sent out to manufacturers of engines and motors all over the world, calls for the following information concerning the engine to be entered:

Internal Combustion Engines.

Maker's name and address.
Type of engine.
Number of cylinders.
Bore, stroke and volume.
Kind of fuel used.
Type of igniting device.
Diameter and face of driving pulley.
Diameter and face of driving wheels.
Number of revolutions per minute.
Traction speed of engine in miles per hour.
Type of change speed gear.
Capacity of fuel tank in cubic inches.
Capacity of water tank in cubic inches.
Weight of engine with all tanks full, in pounds.
Total weight on driving wheels.
Nominal or rated horse power.
Retail selling price F.O.B. Winnipeg.

The information required in regard to steam engines is practically the same with the exception of changes made necessary in the technical details.

From the farmer's standpoint the most interesting feature of the trials will be the plowing contest which will probably feature an one of the main attractions of the exposition this year.

General Notes.

Queries in regard to the operation and care of engines and any other point will be welcomed from our readers and will be dealt with in the Asked and Answered column of the next month's issue, where possible items of general interest, photographs, notes of tours and any information in regard to routes, points of interest, etc., will be gladly received and used in this column. All letters on these points should be addressed to the Automobile Editor, care of The Western Home Monthly, Winnipeg, Man.

Appreciation.

Mesdames Seaman & Petersen, proprietors of the New York Hair Store, are taking a novel method of showing their appreciation of the patronage of their many customers that will be most pleasing to all concerned. Seaman & Petersen have been in business in this city for many years and in that time have met with such pleasing increase in business that they have arranged one of the finest equipped parlors in Canada that will be a veritable little paradise when completed. The old curtain booths that were used for hair dressing, massage, manicuring and shampooing have given place to bright frame booths, the upper half being of prism glass that admits an abundance of light and yet the booths are strictly private. These are each being equipped with steel settings that are thoroughly fire proof. The booths as well as the settings are in pure white. The large show window has also been decorated in the same coloring.

To add a bright and yet a harmonious contrast, the walls of the parlors have been colored a pleasing pink, with the border and ceiling a cream color. A sterilizer for the purposes of hair dressing will be added to the equipment, which will be complete and thoroughly up-to-date. When the work of remodelling has been completed the New York Hair Store will be more popular than ever because of its very attractive appearance. Seaman & Petersen are gratified that their efforts have met with such approval that they can maintain the most talented help and offer these increased accommodations to their patrons. It is the intention of the proprietors to pay particular attention to the mail order business.

A most striking example of the growth of the Trade Mark idea in Canada is being announced for the first time to-day in the newspapers throughout the Dominion. It is the "NA-DRU-CO" line of about one hundred and twenty-five toilet and medicinal preparations, compounded by the National Drug and Chemical Company of Canada, Limited.

All these preparations bear the NA-DRU-CO. Trade Mark, the shield with the red cross, prominently displayed, and to make the line still more distinctive each article is attractively dressed in a pleasing shade of red.

In their first advertisement, which appears on another page of this issue, The National Drug Company feature this Trade Mark. They point out some of the important advantages to every family in Canada of a thoroughly reliable, easily recognized line, covering practically every household need in the way of toilet and medicinal articles, and guaranteed by a responsible firm.

The National Drug Company guarantee that every NA-DRU-CO preparation is compounded by qualified chemists only, and from the purest drugs. As a proof that the formulae are such as the best physicians would use, they make a unique offer which completely disarms the doubts which often creep into one's mind with regard to medicinal preparations.

Their "Money Back" offer helps still more to inspire confidence in the NA-DRU-CO line, whose variety and completeness is shown by the partial list given in their advertisement.

Red Rose Tea

"Is Good Tea"

It is Always Worth the Price

The Wedding Present Problem.

By ANNE WARNER.

When Mrs. Clutterback and Maria received the news that there was to be a marriage in the family they sat quite still for a little. To speak frankly, they were appalled.

"We'll have to give her somethin'!" Mrs. Clutterback said at last.

"Oh, mother, do you really think so?" cried Maria.

"Yes, indeed," said Mrs. Clutterback, firmly, "she's your own cousin, Maria, and besides"—here a gleam of Mrs. Clutterback's natural spirit fought to the front—"maybe, if we give her somethin' she'll ask you to visit her, and if you was to visit her, and was to marry there in the city, I'd so enjoy livin' with you, Maria—oh, you ain't got no idea how I'd enjoy it!"

Mrs. Clutterback's forte was cheerful prophecy and unlimited enthusiam over everything and everybody. She was a bright-eyed woman who took two naps a day, read profusely, if not profoundly, late into the night, gave the world only smiles in return for their scowls, and was unusually popular. Maria, her daughter and only child, was big, with pale eyes, and hair the color that is no color; she did the housework at home, the sewing for almost everyone, took care of the minister's children on Sewing-Society-afternoon and Prayer-Meeting-evening, and sang in the choir three times a day on Sunday. She was paid for the sewing only, and she wanted to give up the choir, at the age of forty-nine her voice was breaking somewhat. But her mother wouldn't hear of it.

"Your voice is just like a heavenly spirit's yet, Maria," she declared reassuringly; "and when you've got your book in front of your face you don't look sixteen, really you don't."

By this you may judge the general cut and calibre of Mrs. Clutterback's enthusiasm, and also discern why that wedding present was surely going to be provided for the cousin who lived in the city.

"I don't see how we can buy her anything," said Maria, "and I haven't time to crochet her anything, and you always forget to keep count of your stitches."

"Maybe we've got something in the house we could give her. We've got that wooden soap-box we could pack it in, and we'd only have to buy six nails to nail it up." Mrs. Clutterback's eyes shone bright at the thought.

"I don't believe we've got anything in the house that would do for a wedding present," said Maria, looking meditatively about the room.

"How would one of the samplers do?" queried her mother eagerly, "they're rare nowadays, and we've got grandmother's and Aunt Bathsheba's and Mrs. Kent's mother's, too. Don't you believe they'd prize one of those in the city?—Oh, Maria, just to think if you was to marry in the city!—I'd be so happy—I ain't ever rode on a tramcar pulled by electric wires yet."

Then they laid in the Pieces.

"The clock wouldn't do," said Maria, thoughtfully, "it's too old to be new, and too new to be old."

"We could have it painted over, or else scratch it more," suggested her mother, looking alert to paint or to scratch as the case might call for.

Maria shook her head.

"Let's go and see the china," she suggested, rising, "there may be something there."

"Oh, Maria!" Mrs. Clutterback exclaimed, "I'll tell you what we can send her—the broken cut-glass vase that Mr. Snap, the china-man, give you to see if you could mend it for an ornament, and then we never could. We could put it in a box, and she'd think it got broke going."

"Oh, we couldn't do that," said Maria, almost shocked.

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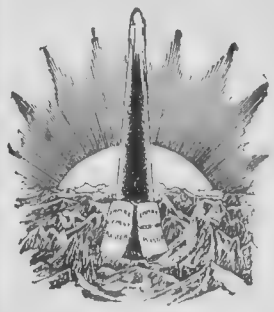

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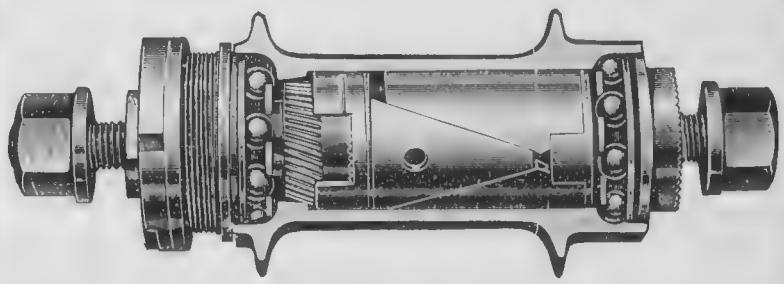

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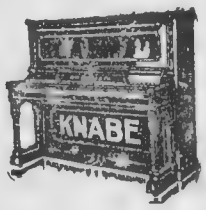

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"I don't know why not," protested her mother (they were now going towards the pantry together)—"truly I don't see why not, Maria; it's so handsome they 'll all be pleased over our spending the money."

"We might give her grandmother's teacups," said Maria, thoughtfully, pausing before the shelves.

"One of the saucers is broke," said Mrs. Clutterback; "if you're going to give anything away and then play it broke going, why not play the vase broke, and then you'll have those cups for yourself when you get married. Oh, Maria, if she was to ask you to be a bridesmaid!—the bridesmaids so often marry the young men they walk in and out with. It's been the dream of my life for you to marry someone, Maria; you've never thought what it would mean to me to have you married."

"If we could afford a new cushion, we could give her one of those old mahogany chairs," said Maria. They had now come back to the dining-room.

"They're very rare," said Mrs. Clutterback, "and would make a nice present. And someone lookin' over the presents would, maybe, ask about it, and then come down and buy the rest of the set. The set might sell for enough to let you and me take a little holiday this summer. I should like to get away for a little in the summer, Maria."

"Let's go upstairs and look around," said Maria.

"The things upstairs is so wore out," said Mrs. Clutterback, going along after her daughter as usual, "when you don't buy nothing new downstairs the things upstairs get so awful old."

Maria did not dispute this wisdom.

"Why not give her the writing-desk?" she said.

"Why, Maria!" Mrs. Clutterback stood aghast, "I've told you all your life long as your oldest boy was going to get that desk when I died. It's been the dream of my life your oldest boy's having that desk."

"There's that long mirror," said Maria, looking at the long mirror as she spoke, "only the back would have to be mended."

"I tell you," said her mother firmly, "you won't find nothin' so handsome and suitable as that cut-glass vase, Maria; and Mr. Snap will give you some of that curly-haired wood to pack it in, I know. Mr. Snap 'll be only too pleased to do you a little favor as won't cost him anything. We'll wrap it up so no one in the world wouldn't never think it was broke to start."

"There's those old fire-irons," said Maria, "they're the kind of thing city people like."

"But we use 'em, too," complained Mrs. Clutterback, "why don't you pick the range out of the brickwork and send her that, if you're going to send useful iron things about the country? Oh, Maria, the cut-glass vase is the thing. I can just seem to see her face when she opens the box and realizes what we bought for her. She'll feel duty bound to have you to visit her sometime, and you might even meet someone going there on the train—don't you know how Minnie Coolige ran away with the banana boy; she met him on the train just by buying a banana, and now she's his widow, and Mrs. Coolige has all those nine grandchildren to fill her days with sunshine. It's been the dream of my life to have grandchildren, Maria."

"They say the Cooliges is half mad with those nine children, playing train all over the house from dawn to dark," said Maria. "Well, where is the cut-glass vase, anyhow?"

"It's on a shelf in the back room," said Mrs. Clutterback, joyfully. "Oh, Maria, I am glad to see you so sensible. We'll wash the pieces and polish every one with old flannel, and we'll do it up in tissue paper. No one couldn't give nothing handsomer—they'll just wonder how we could afford to buy it."

Together they went through to the back room, where the pieces of the vase reposed in a cardboard box on a shelf.

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triumphantly, as she lifted the box down, blew the dust from the top, and then took off the cover. "I'll bet she don't have anything finer! Oh, Maria, it's always been the dream of my life to make beautiful presents, and this is the first time I ever could see my way to doing it."

They carried the box down stairs and put on the kettle to heat some water.

"I don't like to do it, mother," said Maria. "I'd far rather give her nothing at all."

"Oh, Maria, you do just wring my heart; you never do see nothing like I do! If you'd seen things like I do you'd have married Jesse Kibb's grandfather, and been his widow these twenty-five years. You don't know how bad I felt when he died, and you might have been his widow so easy. But you don't look at life right, Maria."

Maria got out a pan, and a cloth, and some soap.

"We'll have to be awful careful," she said; "every one of those edges will cut like a knife."

"I'll be careful," said Mrs. Clutterback. "I wish we had printed cards to put with it. It will seem funny to send such a handsome present and have no printed cards.

Maria washed the broken bits carefully one after the other, and her mother polished them assiduously. Then they found a proper box and white tissue paper and laid in the pieces.

"I declare," said Mrs. Clutterback, "they shine just like diamonds. It seems almost too handsome to give to someone we've never seen—don't you think?"

Maria ran down town to Mr. Snap's and came back with the curly-haired wood, and they soon finished packing the vase.

"I know they'll invite you to the city," the mother kept on exclaiming as she fluttered around the outskirts of the labor. "Oh, Maria, maybe you'll like the guard of the train when you go to visit them!"

Maria sighed as she hammered away. She was of a very unromantic nature, her ambitions so far from being positive were altogether negative, and consisted in anticipating a period when she wouldn't sew, or sing, or keep house, or mind the minister's children.

The box was sent off the next day, and cost one month's butter in carriage. It was three weeks before any acknowledgment was received. Then, when the letter did come, Mrs. Clutterback went almost out of her senses.

"My dear Eliza," (read the epistle), —"Your gift to Sylvia Katharine was really too lovely. You shouldn't have done it, Eliza, you shouldn't have done it. We opened the box together, and Sylvia Katharine's raptures are beyond the power of pen to describe. It was her handsomest gift, and will ornament the little table that will stand for ever in her front parlor window. The affection which prompted the giving of this costly gift brought tears to my eyes, Eliza. It is thirty-one years since you and I last clasped one another in each other's arms, and I desire to prove to you that my heart is as tenderly disposed as your own. I am giving up my little domicile now that my birdling has flitted, and am coming, dear Eliza, to pass a few months with you. We shall renew our girlhood memories by your fireside, and if we are as happy as I feel sure that we shall be, I shall divide my time, henceforth, between your home and Sylvia Katharine's. With inexpressible impatience to see you, Yours,

Grace Lewis."

Mrs. Clutterback, as before stated, was driven beside herself by this letter and its unwelcome centents. Maria, very pale, perused it twice in silence.

"You ought to have held me back from making such a handsome present," her mother moaned; "it was way beyond our means and you knew it, Maria. You'd ought to have restrained me."

"The idea of her pretending it wasn't broke—!" said Maria.

"That shows how folks will act deceiving when they want to gain somethin'," said Mrs. Clutterback. "She wants to visit us, so she pretends that vase ain't broken."

"Well, mother," said Maria, "you wanted me to visit her and so you pretended it wasn't broken. The pot mustn't call the kettle black."

"Maria, you'll just kill me," sobbed her mother. "I never dreamed as I should live to hear you call your own mother a pot. And I done it all for you, too."

"Mother," said the daughter, suddenly, "I'm just going to write Cousin Grace the truth."

"That the vase was broken?" gasped Mrs. Clutterback.

"No, that we're too poor to have her visit us."

"Oh, Maria!" wailed Mrs. Clutterback, "I never shall see you married if you go on that way!"

But Maria insisted, and wrote the letter. Cousin Grace did not visit them in consequence, but the curious sequel to the affair was that Mr. Snap got hold of a patent glue for mending cut glass and asked for the vase to experiment on. Maria told him the truth, too—("You'll bring my white hairs to the grave, Maria, the way you go around telling the truth," her mother protested tearfully)—and a sort of confidential friendship sprang up between them, which ended in her promising to marry the china-store man.

"Oh, Maria, to think of me losing you," cried Mrs. Clutterback. "I know you're going to live right here in the house, but it never will be the same."

"I don't know why not," said Maria.

"Why, Adoniram"—(Mr. Snap)—'will be here, too. But it's what I've been expecting, Maria; it's the natural end of a girl's life, and a mother must brace herself to bear it. When your cousin married I knew I wouldn't be able to keep you long now."

Maria went on ironing towels.

"Oh, Maria!" exclaimed her mother, "I wonder what Sylvia Katharine will send you for a present!"

Maria stopped ironing suddenly; she really wondered, too.

Sylvia Katharine sent a cut-glass vase with her card (printed) and her mother's (also printed). It was a handsome vase, but unfortunately it was broken in transit. Sylvia Katharine's mother wrote the letter which accompanied it.

"My sweetest Maria"—(she wrote) —"We have scoured the town for a companion to the exquisite vase which you and your dear mother sent my darling as a wedding gift, but in the end we had to order one from New York. May it take the same position in your new home that yours has ever held in Sylvia Katharine's. My dear Maria, you have had a long and tranquil girlhood; may I wish you every joy in the great and solemn step which you are about to take. Sylvia Katharine joins me in all I say. My love to your mother.

"Affectionately your cousin,
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Maria and her mother were both somewhat taken aback at first. Then:

"Maria," cried Mrs. Clutterback, "Mr. Snap 'll give you some of the glue, and we'll mend that vase, and I'll give it to you for my wedding-present."

Festival of Empire.

One of the most attractive features of the Festival of the Empire, to be held at the Crystal Palace, London, May 24—July 16 (extending over seven weeks), will be the exhibition of paintings, and other works of art by the Overseas artists. Canada, Australaisa, and South Africa will have separate galleries, specially decorated by the Festival Council, and for the first time the Briton at home is likely to see a representative collection of works of art by men and women who have made their name in the outposts of the Empire.

The object of the Council is to get together, not the works of those artists who have studied in Europe, but rather the works of those who have found sufficient inspiration in the atmosphere of their own particular Dominion and State. In a brilliant article, contributed by the Earl of Plymouth, it was pointed out that the Canadian, Australian or South Africa artist who had studied and imbibed the European atmosphere, failed to convey to his canvas any suggestion of his own particular country, preferring, apparently, to compete with the home artist on his own ground.

The pictures which the Council desire for exhibition at the Crystal Palace are not the pictures which a person in London might see any day by walking into one of the great galleries. "Give us," they say, in effect, "the works of that Canadian or Australasian, or that South African, who 'feels' the beauties of his own State, and who has conveyed that feeling to his canvas."

With the view of collecting a representative exhibition of pictures by Canadian artists, the Council of the Festival of Empire has deputed the Editor of Canada to take sole charge of the Canadian section. Canada will collect the pictures and superintend their display at the Palace. All communications should be addressed to F. W. Gardiner, Canada Newspaper, Aberdeen Chambers, Victoria St., Toronto.

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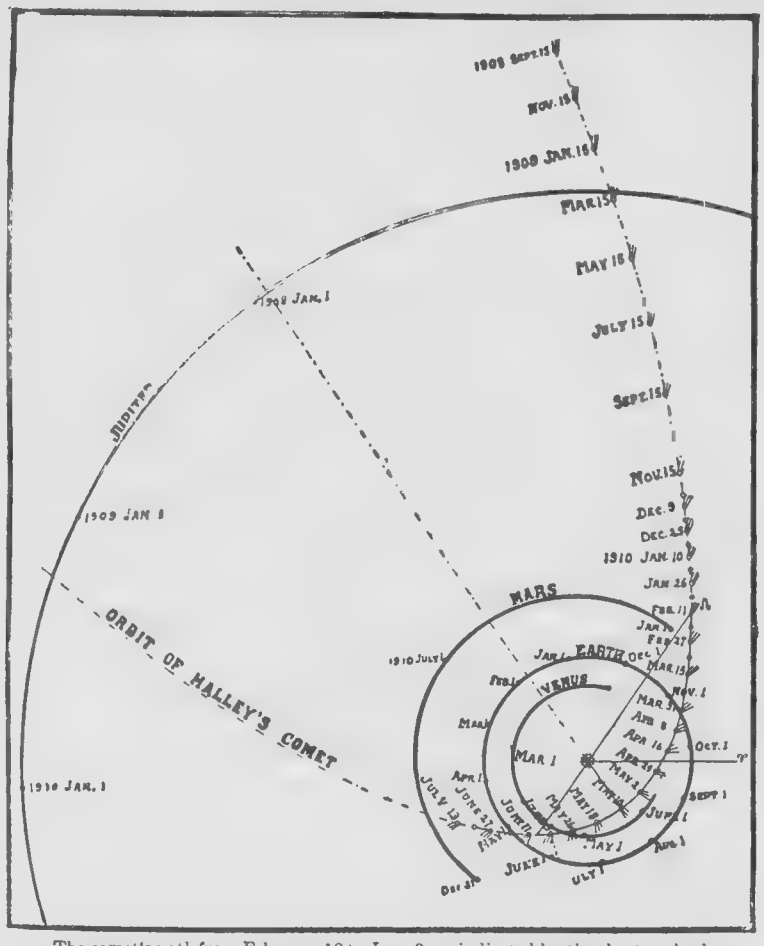
By FREDERIC CAMPBELL, Sc. D.

COMING from a distance 500,000,000 miles greater than that of the most remote planet, and returning from an absence of 75 years, it now devolves upon us to trace the movements of that great comet, already discovered in our sky, and soon to be seen for months by everyone who has eyes. It is true that the comet's motions are followed only in our immediate vicinity. But the curve which it makes while within our view, proves the curves it must make when beyond, so that we are able to track the monster as if we saw it every day.

We need first to understand the arrangement of the members of the solar system, to which both the comet and the earth belong. At the centre is the sun; round about this body, in concentric paths, revolve eight planets. These, in the order of their distance from the sun, are as follows: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Between Mars and Jupiter there is a swarm of little worlds, known as asteroids, not less than 500 in number.

The first four planets named are small. The other four are large. Those nearest the sun travel most swiftly; those farthest the most slowly. Mercury is seldom seen, because so close to the sun as usually to be lost in its bright rays. Venus is the largest star in the heavens, and the nearest to the earth. Mars is the world suspected of being inhabited, because of its "canals." Jupiter is our largest planet. Saturn is the wonderful world girdled with rings. Uranus and Neptune are not seen except with the telescope. These planets shine only with the sun's reflected light. All other stars are suns.

The planets travel not perfect circles, but ellipses, a little longer one way than the other; and, not in the centre, but at one of the two foci of each ellipse, nearer one end than the other, the sun is found. A periodical comet also travels an ellipse, but much more flattened or eccentric, so that its path may run nearer the sun in one direction, and farther back into space in the other, than that of any planet.



The comet's path from February 12 to June 3, as indicated by the short, unbroken, elliptical line, is above the plane of the earth's orbit; the rest, indicated by the long, elliptical broken line in the upper part of the picture, is below the same.

As Halley's comet is usually about 75 years in making its complete orbit, it is 37½ years traveling back to the sun from its most distant point, known as "aphelion." Though it comes from a much greater distance than Neptune, it makes no approach to that planet, its path bearing off by quite an angle. Hence, as it draws near, we do not need to think of it as passing any planet before Jupiter But, as it approaches the sun, it also rises to that general plane on which all the planets travel, so that when calculations show that it crossed Jupiter's path about March 15, 1909, we are interested to know it. The two bodies were then distant from the sun about 480.000,000 miles. There was then a wide space to cover, and an immense number of asteroids to pass; but, as an ocean liner avoids the fishing fleet off the coast of Newfoundland, so the comet steers to one side and runs no risk of collision.

And now the comet is in sight, far beyond the orbit of Mars, having been detected on Sept. 11 by Professor Wolf of Heidelburg, Germany. It will not cross Mars' path till about Feb. 27, 1910, more than two months after we have begun to see it with the naked eye. Steadily increasing in speed, by March 31 it is due to cross the path of the Earth. It dashes across the orbit of Venus about April 20, and on May 10 is a "periphelion," its nearest to the sun, swinging about that body at a distance of 66,000,000 miles therefrom, and moving at top speed.

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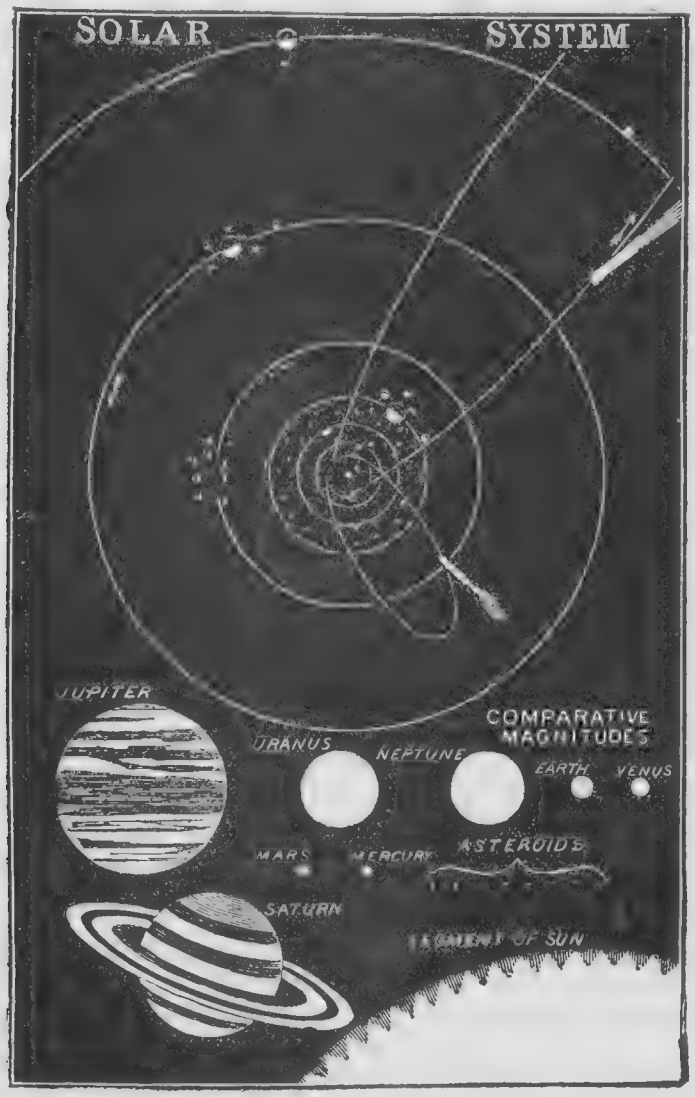
a year later. The comet will then be regarded as past history, for it will have gone from view, both telescope and camera failing to report anything further. But so exact are the operations of mathematics that, on any day and at any hour a skilled astronomer can tell just where the comet is, how fast it is going, and how near it is to the sun or the nearest planet.

We have spoken of the comet as twice crossing the earth's path. It is manifest that the earth and comet might happen to meet at one of these crossing points. Hence a collision, do you say? We will discuss that in a later article. But, according to the calculation followed above, the earth will be at the first crossing about Oct. 20, 1909, and at the second about May 1, 1910. As the comet will be at those same points on April 1 and June 15, it is clear that the two bodies miss each other by a wide margin. About the middle of May the comet is expected to reach the nearest point to the earth's path and the two bodies will for two or three weeks be near each other. The nearest possibility of approach is about



The solar system, showing paths of planets, and of comets of long and short periods.

6,000,000 miles, or 24 times the distance of the moon; but the comet will never be less than twice that distance from our globe. It is manifest, therefore, that there is nothing to dread.

At its last visit to our sky, the comet was visible from Aug. 5, 1835, to May 5, 1836, a period of no less than nine months. It is for some such length of time that mankind will again look upon this stupendous spectacle. Only we must remember that with the telescopes, some are already enjoying what the rest must see for a briefer time with the naked eye. For months, however, everyone will be favored. For a comet is not like a meteor, flashing and expiring; nor like an eclipse, a matter of very few minutes or hours, and visible only in certain quarters of the earth. It is rather a visitor that has come for quite a sojourn, giving every human eye, the world over, the opportunity not only to witness one of the most marvelous apparitions of the heavens, but to watch and study it in all its details.

My Lady.

By Frederick Smith

Out of the South there came a Lady fair;
Her mantle was of coolest, palest green;
She flung it wide it touched the woods, and there
Were tender leaves where once bare boughs had been.

She frowned: the sky was clouded, and the Earth
Felt the new thrill of livening April rain;
She sighed, and sighing, gave the warm moist May winds birth;
Her blue eyes smiled: the heavens grew bright again.

She loosed her red gold tresses, and the sun
Flooded the world. At her first whispered words
The meadow brooks fell talking one to one.
She sang: the echoes were the songs of birds.

Where, on the uplands her light feet had pressed,
Houstonias and shy violets marked the place.
From trees that her white fingers had caressed,
Sprang broad-leaved dogwood and the white-thorn's lace.

The wild azaleas opened at her blush;
The orchards grew faint pink with apple bloom;
My lady breathed, and zephyrs came to brush
A thousand flowers and scatter their perfume.

And as she crossed the world and smiled to them,
New alleluias did Earth's children sing;
And who with pure heart touched her garment's hem
Had gained a blessing from "My Lady Spring."."

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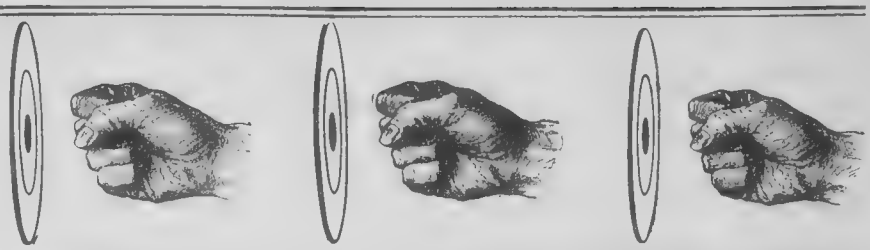

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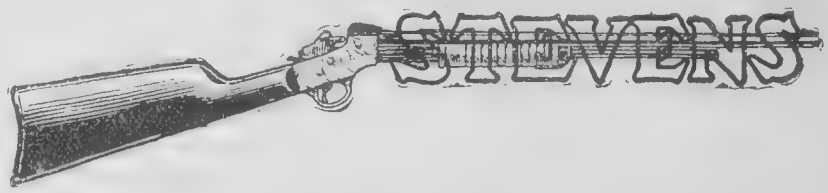

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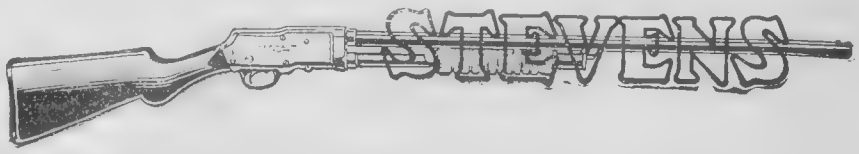

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Ring on, ring on,
2. Ring on, ring on, ye bells, Your sil - v'ry tones as-
Ring on, ring on,
3. Ring on, ring on, ye bells, Till dawns the glo - rious
Ring on, ring on,
4. Ring on, ring on, ye bells, Your tones of praise di-
Ring on, ring on,

Tenor & Bass.

sound, Je - sus, the vic - tor, lives to-day, His name with hon-ors crown'd.
a gladsome sound,
cend, Mingling with strains of sweet perfume, Where flow'rs and music blend.
your tones as-cend,
day, Earth join'd with heav'n, one song shall sing. And chant one common lay.
the glorious day,
vine, Burst - ing in one tri-umph-ant song, Shall be true Eas-ter sign.
of praise di-vine,

Ring, ring, Ring, ring on, A joy - ful an - them raise,
Ring on, ring on, ye bells, Ring, ring ring, ring on,

Ring, on, ring on, ye bells, Till earth is full of praise.
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To her Violin.

Vague secrets, whispered by the leaves
  Of priestly oaks in dim Dodona;
Dreams of Greek maids on roseate eves
  In those hale days ere Man had known a
Worse pain than Love's divine disease;
Occultest runes of moonlit seas,
Musing around the Cyclades;
Weird sorrows of the wandering breeze,
  The wandering brook, the wandering bird,
And all delicious agonies
And all high-haunting mysteries
  Whereto the soul of Man hath stirred:
  All feelings that elude the word
And yet whereof some sound hath shown a
  Bright shadow of perfectest shape
  From whose true spell would none escape —
Are known of thee, O deep Cremona!
  Thou wizard piece of subtlest wood
  Whose power is felt, not understood!
Thou instrument of sphinxlike bent,
  Prepounding Music's roundest riddle
And still, despite thy magic might,
  The ribald rabble dub thee Fiddle.
—Henry Austin.

We have all heard something about "holding the mirror up to nature," and read the lines of the poet, Burns; "Oh, wad some power the giftie gi'e us, to see oursel's as ithers see us!"—but have you ever thought of applying the idea to your music practice? Has it occurred to you that you may see yourself outwardly exactly as others see you by the simple expedient of practising before a mirror? If not, then you will learn much by using a mirror as an aid to your daily practice. Almost every music student has some mannerisms that might well be dispensed with, and probably many faults in the management of the arms, hands, and fingers that should be corrected. Indeed, even great artists are not entirely free from these defects.

The trouble is that mannerisms and undesirable habits are usually unconsciously acquired by the student and are not apparent to him, though often painfully visible to the beholder. Others see you exactly as you appear when performing and are quick to note any awkwardness, stiffness, straining, or incorrect fingering, but you are not benefited thereby because to you the effect is invisible.

Even were your friends to call your attention to these faults it would be difficult for you to correct them or even to realize just what might be wrong. Right here is where the mirror comes in as a friend, as well as an absolutely impartial and faithful critic. When you play before a mirror you may see you deportment and the way you handle your instrument just as these things are and not as you imagined they were. Every movement, every wrong swaying of the body, every slip of the fingers, every awkward position will be clearly reflected, and if you observe closely what you see you can but profit thereby.

If you are a player of the violin, harp, viola, 'cello, or guitar, and will practice for a half hour each day before a good mirror, hung on the wall in such a position that you can plainly observe every movement you make, you will realize very forcibly just what is meant.

If there are any faults as to the position of the arms and hands, or pronounced mannerisms of any kind they will be instantly and vividly apparent so that you may be able to correct them without suggestions from others.

All instrumental performers, no matter what instrument be employed, can utilize this device with splendid results, and the effect on his future performances will surely be beneficial in the extreme. Vocal students may also profit **by the use of a mirror.** The mirror used, however, should be large enough to be effective and be placed in a way to permit as full a view of the performer as may be necessary for his special purpose.

An easy attitude, a correct position and a graceful management of the arms and hands are not only wonderfully effective in improving the technique of an instrumentalist, but also assist an audience to a better understanding and appreciation of his work. The great majority of teachers do not pay enough attention to these matters.

Before an instrumental performer can justly call himself an artist he must not only be able to read and comprehend music and know how it should be played, but must also have his arms, hands, and fingers under such perfect control as to be able to use them always just at the right moment and just in the particular way that may be required. He must know how to make every shift of position, how and when to move the arms, how to place the fingers, just how much force to use in producing tones, and the most practical fingering to use for any passage encountered. In short, one must become familiar with every movement required, the various qualities of touch, and other items too numerous to mention here. These things are of such importance that special attention must be given them in order to become a proficient performer.

In thousands of cases the instruction may be thorough and complete enough, but the carelessness or indifference of the pupil may be responsible for his failings. A student must be careful to listen attentively and remember what he is told by the teacher, and then use every effort to accomplish the results aimed for. Now, of course, no mirror, or any device or scheme of any kind, can ever take the place of personal instruction in music. One must have a teacher, and a good one, in order to make progress, but many points as to position, fingering and general technic are apt to be forgotten or overlooked by the pupil, no matter how careful the teacher may be, so that seeing himself in action, as it were, when reflected in the mirror, is certain to impress upon him some points hitherto but imperfectly understood and refresh his recollection as to others.

In the case of a violinist the work may be confined to watching one arm and hand at a time. He may take a position in front of the looking glass which will show the movements of the bow arm only and after improving any noticeable defects therein change positions so as to bring the left hand and arm into view and proceed similarly. An instrument may easily slip out of position, the arms be held awkwardly, the wrist improperly stiffened, or the fingers be spread apart in an ungainly fashion. All of these faults and many others may be got rid of entirely by the aid of a mirror.

To any student who wishes to improve his work, the results of this sort of practice will be instructive and satisfying, for when he sees himself actually overcoming certain difficulties he cannot fail to be encouraged to greater efforts toward improvement.

Sir John Hare, the eminent English actor, will be the principal judge in the Earl Grey musical and dramatic competitions in Toronto, which opens on April 4. The programme for the various evenings will be issued very soon, and the names of the judges who are now being arranged with will be announced in it. Entries for the competition closed on March 15th and are very satisfactory to the committee acting for his Excellency. A series of interesting events for the general public during the week of April 4 at the Royal Alexandra are promised.

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By MARGARET KINGSLAND.

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Drawnwork, of which so many beautiful specimens are shown, is in reality one of the simplest of the handicraft arts. The knowledge to do it is easily acquired, and is within the grasp of the simplest mind.

Hemstitching is the simplest form of drawnwork.

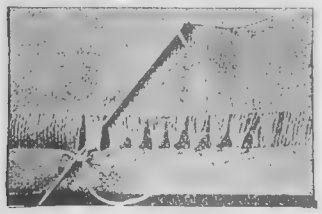

Fig. 1

Figure 1. Hemstitching.—Measure off the width desired for the hem and just above it draw one thread. Measure off the width desired for the hemstitching—an eighth of an inch is about

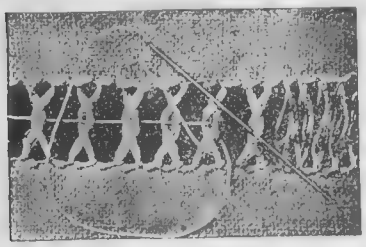

Fig. 2

right—and over it draw another thread. These threads serve to mark the work and insure its regularity. They may be drawn all the way across, even if the sides are to be hemmed, unless the linen is sufficiently coarse to make them noticeable. Pull out the threads between them, cutting where the hem should end. When the threads are drawn baste the hem in place, then begin to hemstitch, working from the wrong side, as in ordinary hemming. In choosing the thread take about what

Fig. 3

would be used for sewing, but do not have it too fine.

Begin to hemstitch at the right, working toward the left. Take a stitch through the hem to conceal the knot, then make a tiny buttonhole stitch at the same place, to catch the hem and the edge of the drawn part together. Take five or six threads to the left of the stitch just made upon the needle and draw the latter through. These

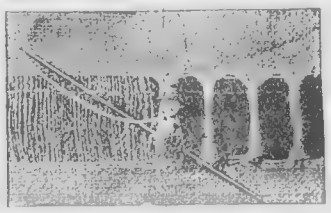

Fig. 4

threads need not be actually counted, so long as the amount looks about the same each time. In fact, for most drawnwork it is better to measure, rather than to count the threads. Having taken this stitch, keep the

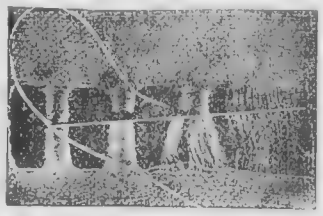

Fig. 5

thread back as for buttonholing, once more take the same threads on the needle and at the same time catch together the hem and the edge of the drawn part, as in the first stitch. Pull the needle through and draw the thread up tight. Continue with this clustering all along.

For ladder hemstitching the work is done in the same manner on both edges

Fig. 6

of the drawn part, clustering together the same threads at each side.

Figure 2. Inverting the Clusters.—For the more elaborate froms of drawnwork the work proceeds as for ladder hemstitching, the only change being in the width drawn. After the edges are clustered together the clusters may be inverted at the centre, making a most pleasing design and one of the simplest in drawn work. This is done as follows: Catch the thread at the right hand corner of the work. Pass the point of the needle down beyond the second cluster, and draw the latter back to the right of the first cluster. Pass the needle and thread down between them and up at the left of the first cluster. Pull the thread up tight and proceed with the other clusters in the same way. If desired the drawn threads need not be clustered at the edges for this pattern, and the clusters may be inverted in other ways—in halves, in twos, in threes, or in any way that seems pleasing.

Figure 3. Gathering Three Clusters Under the Knot Stitch.—The knot stitch is one of the most important in drawnwork and frequently enters into

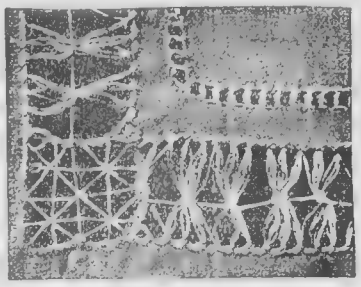

Fig. 7

the most elaborate designs. The illustration shows the simplest use to which it may be put, that of gathering the centres of the clusters together in one of the most common patterns.

Catch the thread in the right hand corner of the work, throw it in a circle over the first three clusters, bring the needle down beneath the righthand thread and the three clusters, then up over the thread to the left of the clusters. Pull the needle through and draw the thread tight. Continue in this way.

The knot stitch may be used in a

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great variety of ways, one of which is shown in Figure 8, which will be described later.

Figure 4. Overcast Bars.—Overcasting is another important stitch in drawnwork, and is used in some of the handsomest specimens. The stitch is exceedingly simple, but must be done with great evenness to insure a good effect.

Draw the thread up through the linen at one end of the threads to be overcast, then pass it across the drawn part to the other end of the same threads. Now lay the threads to be overcast over the first finger of the left hand, and stitch over and over them as in ordinary sewing, taking care, to repeat the caution, that the work is done very evenly and the stitches

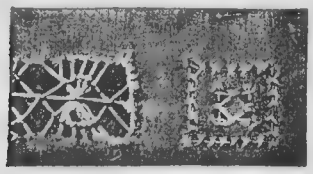

Fig. 8

put in very, very closely. Coarse thread is the best to use for overcasting. These bars make a most appropriate border for handsome linen towels.

Figure 5. Bars Covered with Darning Stitch.— Like overcasting, darning stitch appears mostly in the more leaborate pieces of drawnwork, although it is an important factor in the making of all but the simplest corner patterns. In the bar stitches are woven only once, but they convey the idea. Many beautiful designs have leaves and floral patterns constructed of darning of the good old-fashioned stocking variety, some of it done on underlying threads and some of it without these threads.

Start as for overcasting, with a thread laid from one side of the drawn part to the other. Then bring the thread up to the right, pass the point of the needle down at the centre and up at the left of the threads for the bar. Pull up tight, pass the point of the needle down at the centre and up at the right of the threads for the bar. Weave in and out in this way until the threads are covered entirely, then go to the next bar and proceed in the same way. Bars covered with darning stitch make an even handsomer hem than overcast bars.

Figure 6 shows threads drawn for buttonholing around edges to be cut. At the corners, where the drawn threads end, and frequently in various other parts of elaborate drawnwork, it is necessary to cut the edges. These edges always must be buttonholed to prevent raveling, and the best workers find it wisest to do the buttonholing first. To insure having it exactly even, draw one thread for the top edge of the buttonholing and one for the edge to be cut, as shown in the illustration. All drawnwork, except the simplest pattern, should be done on a frame, stretching the linen as for embroidery.

Figure 7. This border combining clusters gathered under the knot stitch, and ladder hemstitching, needs no description. It shows how two simple stitches may be combined in an effective pattern. In laying the threads from one side of the corner to the other the illustration may be followed. On the last thread of each intersection a knot stitch is worked, under which the various threads are gathered.

Figure 8.—In this patern an unusual corner effect is shown, made be cutting the drawn threads and buttonholing the edge half an inch away from the corner instead of at the corner itself. Under the knot stitch at the centre five clusters are gathered instead of three, as in the detailed work given. The side knots are then put in as follows: Make a knot midway on the thread before the first knot under which the clusters are gathered, then carry the new thread slightly to the right and around each separate cluster there make a knot. Now carry the thread to the left of the next five clusters and on each of them, separately, make a knot. Cross from side to the other all along the border in this way, always skipping five clusters at each side; then, when the end is reached, work in knot stitch on the skipped clusters, and in crossing the centre thread make a knot stitch over it and first side thread catching them together midway between the knots of the centre thread. For the corner draw four threads each way for two tiny squares, in size the outer one is the same as the border width, the inner square half its size. Gather the drawn part in clusters, under tiny knot stitches.

Figure 9. A Double Border in Lad-

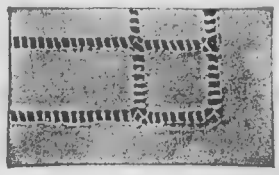

Fig. 9

der hemstitching.--This needs no description, and is given merely to offer the reader another suggestion for the use of a simple stitch.

In pressing needlework, handsome heavily embroidered pieces cannot be damped or made wet. In such cases, lay the piece, inverted, over several thicknesses of damped cloth. In short, the ironing board is dampened instead of the piece. The depth of soft folds allows the raised parts to sink in, so that when the pressing is done they stand out well.

I can easily conceive in my mind a man without hands, feet, head; for it is only experience which teaches us that the head is more necessary than the feet. But I cannot conceive man without the thinking principle; that would be a stone or a brute.

Thoughts from Pascal.

The incredulous are the most credulous; they believe the miracles of Vespian, in order not to believe those of Moses.

Justice and truth are two points so fine that our instruments are too blunt to touch them to a nicety. If they happen to light upon the points, they crush them, and rest all round on the false rather than on the true.

Nothing stands still for us. It is our naural state, and yet the most opposite to our inclination. We burn with the desire of finding a firm resting-place and a last stable base, to build a tower which may rise to infinity; but our whole foundation gapes, and the earth opens to its lowest abysses.

For what is man in nature? A nothing when compared with infinity, a whole when compared with nothing; an intermediate point between nothing and a whole. Utterly unable to grasp the extremes, and the end of things, and their beginning are, so far as he is concerned, thoroughly and completely concealed in impenetrable darkness; equally unable to comprehend the nothingness from which he is taken, and the infinity in which he is to be ingulfed.

Man is only a reed, the weakest plant of nature, but he is a thinking reed. It is not necessary that the whole universe should be in arms to crush him. A vapor, a drop of water, is sufficient to put him out of existence. But even though the universe could crush him to atoms, man would still be more noble than that which kills him, because he is conscious that he is dying, and of the advantage which the universe has over him. The universe knows nothing.

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INTERESTING descriptions have been written regarding the new world that opens to the blind when sight is given to them. Less in degree of course, yet noteworthy too in its way, is the surprise of the short-sighted when, after years spent without glasses, he looks through spectacles that show him what the world really is. Very true was the exclamation of the myopic lad when thus privileged: "Mother, I have never seen you till now. It scarcely seems you!" This normal vision, possible only by artificial means, makes the world for a time abnormal to him because what Shakespeare terms his "bisson conspectuities" have long shown him one that is not merely circumscribed, but different.

The common opinion regards short-sight as an ailment which merely prevents due recognition of distant objects. It is not realized that much more is involved than this. Our limited range of vision gives us not only a circumscribed but also a different view of our surroundings. Thus, in admiring Nature, I, the myopic, behold a landscape other than that which spreads before you. Vegetation, for instance, is blurred and soft like an impressionist picture, the color spreading occasionally as if a child had handled the brush. You see spaces between the clearly-defined leaves of the tree and the light shining through the spaces. I see merely a soft mass with no spaces, the leaves all blotting into one another. The same holds good with other aspects of Nature—it is a world without detail or outline, this giving even solid buildings a cloudy and unsubstantial look.

Not only the inanimate, but the animate world presents itself in strange

How a short-sighted person out walking sees the passers-by.

A street scene as it appears to a person of ordinary sight.

The same scene (see other page) as seen by a short-sighted person.

forms to the myopic. Humanity, for instance, is often revealed in somewhat inhuman guise. Thus, so far as ocular demonstration goes, the world to the short-sighted in peopled by men and women as faceless, sometimes even as headless, as the horsemen of legendary fame. Indoors myopic persons get quite accustomed to talking with persons who have neither eyes nor nose; out of doors the phenomenon is more striking, because oftener repeated. At quite a short distance the face melts into the atmosphere and becomes either a cloud or, like H. G. Wells's invisible man, a nothingness. I see the hat and the figure, sometimes the beard; I see the walking-stick—if the hand is ungloved this stick is waving miraculously a little way from the sleeve edge, for the hand, like the face, has vanished.

The spreading quality of light makes a street-scene very peculiar to the myopic—how peculiar he does not himself realize till he is given glasses. Thus, I stand at one end of Regent Street. To you there is a long procession of lamps, each flame distinct and palpably twenty yards or so distant from its neighbor. To me there is a conglomeration of large, shining circles overlapping one another and hiding the rest of the street. A hansom-cab darts towards me. It is hidden behind two interlocked circles of light (its lamps), which do not disjoin till the vehicle stops at the kerbstone.

As this weird person passes me substance materializes between the hat-brim and the coat collar, but whether that substance be a turnip or a human face I cannot from my eyesight determine. I only assume that it is not the vegetable in question; I cannot prove it. The myopic whose defect is comparatively slight will generally be able to detect a smudged feature or two as the face passes, but the blurred outline will render recognition difficult, while it will be hard for him to ascertain where the face ends and the rest of the world begins.

Though the short-sighted person thus frequently beholds his fellow-creatures anatomically deficient, he has his compensations. Color to him is a little softer and more beautiful than it is to the average individual. Fortunately, it is also quite as visible. As a consequence, color without (evidently) any substance to support it is frequently phenomenon of the myopic world.

This, for instance, is very evident during a visit to the theatre, if the short-sighted person has been unlucky enough to leave his glasses at home. Thus, I am seated but a few chairs away from the stage, yet actors and actresses are to me just so many misty columns of light gifted with speech. So-and-so enters, for instance, and streaks across the stage; about him is a haze of green which, stopping some distance from the stage floor, is probably a short cloak. I do not see his head or face except, perhaps, as a vague film, but above it is a suggestion of movement which means the feather in his cap. I shall now know So-and-so for the rest of the act.

Towards the back of the stage appears suddenly something yellowish and whitish. It is an addition to the scenery, a large yellow dog, or a curious trick on the part of the electric light? No, it is Lady Gwendoline, or, rather, the massive skirt draperies, which are all that I can see of her. One becomes quite mathematical under the stimulus of myopia. That little blur of red is so far distant from the floor that it is probably a necktie. The funny countryman, therefore, has entered; later, a moving blot of greenness assures me that Countess Eva is at her old tricks again.

Though we see the world so indistinctly, however, we yet hold it sometimes as a more beautiful sphere than that which you, the normal-sighted, inhabit. The human face, when we can see it at all, is a softer face than that which is visible to you. The coarse red of a complexion becomes very often a

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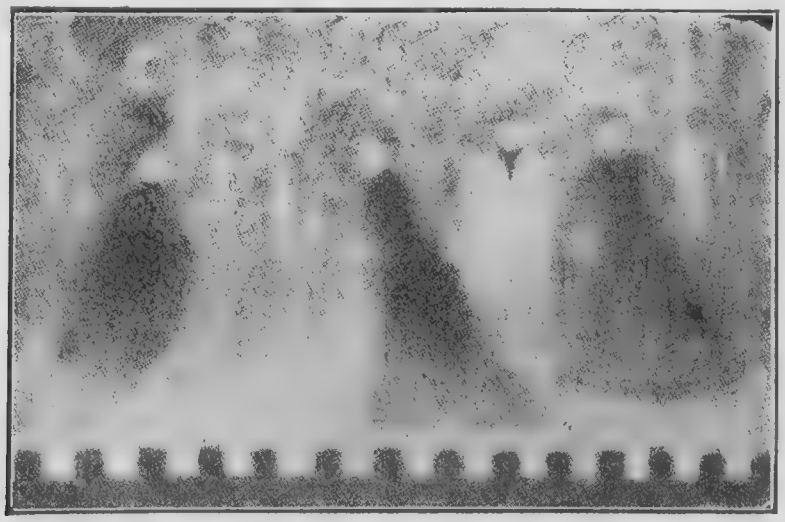

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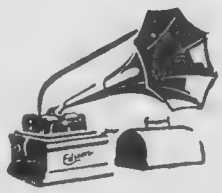

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SETTLING THE PRAIRIES.

This year's inflow of settlers into Western Canada already gives every promise that it will be greater than that of any preceding year. And what is quite as satisfactory as the rapidity with which the great unoccupied spaces are being settled is the fact that the Anglo-Saxon strain is predominant and that the newcomers are thrifty. An analysis of the statistics of the inflow of homesteaders into the three Prairie Provinces last year has been issued at Ottawa in the form of a Government bulletin, and consideration of the figures gives ground for the satisfactory conclusion that has just been expressed in regard to the character of the immigration. The United States furnished 1,388 of the total of 4,143 homesteaders. The other provinces of Canada furnished between eleven and twelve hundred, while England, Scotland and Ireland together supplied 747. Of the balance the majority were from the northern countries of Europe, such as Sweden, Norway Denmark and Germany. There were a hundred Russian homesteaders and two Chinese. Of the homesteaders from the United States, 626 were from North Dakota, 238 from Minnesota, 94 from Washington, 68 from South Dakota, 55 from Michigan, 51 from Iowa and Wisconsin, 40 from Idaho, 39 from Montana, 22 from New York and 21 from Illinois. The significance of these figures rests in the fact that the states named are the best farming States of the country to the south.

PUNISH NEWSPAPER LIARS.

In a bulletin of the Census and Statistics Department at Ottawa, which the Western Home Monthly has received from Mr. Archibald Blue, the head of that great branch of the public service of the Dominion, there is some deservedly strong language used in regard to the unscrupulous and irresponsible newspaper correspondents, who, to further the ends of interested parties outside this country, or simply to create a sensation and earn a few dirty dollars in that way, send out lying despatches to the detriment of this country. It is extremely difficult, as Mr. Blue truly writes, to catch up with one of these false stories, and before it can be done, damage to the country is likely to result. He cites the case which is still fresh in the public mind. It is that of the Winnipeg correspondent who, after a hail storm that passed over a portion of Winnipeg and a small area adjoining the city, telegraphed to a number of newspapers in the United States that 700,000 acres had been hailed out by a storm which had passed over a considerable portion of Western Canada. On the following day he sent another despatch increasing the damaged area to a million acres of crop. Not since the Glacial Epoch could there have been such a hail storm. In this age a hail storm two miles wide and ten miles long would be phenomenal. A storm that would cover a million acres of crop would have to extend over a solid wheatfield a hundred and fifty-six miles long and ten miles wide. As a matter of fact, the whole area hailed out last season was less than 20,000 acres. Any man who would fabricate and send out damaging falsehoods such as have repeatedly been sent out broadcast in regard to this country is a miserable specimen of humanity and deserving of punishment. The government should provide for the relentless rooting out of such wrongdoers. There should be a severe penalty for that offence, and it should be visited upon the next offender in its full severity, so as to make a public example of him, to deter others.

DOERS NOT TALKERS.

The man who is a great doer is not usually a great talker, though there are exceptions to this rule. Among the greater doers in the world at the present time a foremost place must surely be given to Thomas A. Edison. It is only occasionally that Mr. Edison indulges in talk, instead of work; and his talk is usually interesting. Recently he has been talking about how to make the most out of fuel, how to cheapen clothes, and how to improve the conditions of life generally. On the clothes question he prophesies that by and by "every young woman will be able to follow the fashions promptly, and there will be plenty of fashions. Artificial silk that is superior to natural silk is now made of wood pulp. It shines better than silk. I think that the silk worm barbarism will go in fifty years, just as the indigo of India went upon the production of indigo in German laboratories." Mr. Edison is far from believing that the future will be less fertile in benefits to humanity than the past. He dreams of great possibilities that may become realities. With all our wisdom, "we do not," he points out, "know what gravity is, neither do we know the nature of heat, light and electricity. We don't know—we just suspect a few things." He thinks that instead of speculating on communications with other worlds, we should stick to improving this one; and he hints that if we could call up people in other worlds, they might make us ashamed of ourselves. He believes that a time will come when there will be little or no manual labor, most things being done by machinery. "Less and less will man be used as an engine or as a horse, and his brain will be employed to benefit himself and his fellows." But it will be as well not to let these dreams of the future make us so optimistic as to neglect the work that we have to do in the present. Work, effort and duty will continue as long as humanity lasts.

THE GROWTH OF GAMBLING.

The supporters of the Anti-Gambling Bill, introduced in the Dominion Parliament by Mr. H. H. Miller, the member for South Grey, have found some striking arguments in support of their cause in a speech recently made by the Anti-Gambling League of Great Britain. Whereas at the commencement of the nineteenth century there were only twenty race track book-makers in England, there are now no less than 30,000. King Edward has recently deplored the large amount of moral deterioration due to this cause. During the past five years the Anti-Gambling League has traced 81 suicides, 322 embezzlements and 199 bankruptcies to race track gambling. Canada is a young country on the threshold of its destiny. If this country is to be saved from such a growth of gambling as has wrought such untold ruin in the old world, the evil must be gripped by the throat before it obtains the mastery.

WORK THE GREAT MEDICINE.

There is a large class of human ailments more or less described as neurasthenic. Dr. H. J. Hall, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, preaches the virtues of the work cure for these troubles, which are mainly due to people thinking too much about themselves. People thus afflicted lead unhappy lives, and it does not lighten their burden that they get little sympathy, especially from those strong-fibred persons whose imaginations cannot grasp the reality of "nerves." Medicines will not help, unless taken with such faith in their effort as to break up the mental conditions and make the afflicted ones think of something outside themselves. Change of scene will do that; and, failing the financial ability to travel, work will do it—providing a clear distinction is made between work and drudgery. This may cause the sufferer who is drudging every day to smile gloomily. But the fact remains that some sort of effort, as different as possible from his early task, something in which he can work up an interest, will do him more good than all the contents of a drug store. This is a real prescription for a real ailment. To say that the condition referred to is unreal because it is largely mental is to state an untruth. It is real, because the victim suffers, and would gladly trade his, or her, so-called "imaginary" troubles for a real ache or pain that could be grappled with—always providing, of course, that it didn't represent anything fatal; for the class of sufferers referred to, with all their gloomy doubts and fears, cling to life as jealously as any, and usually outlive those whose sufferings are more tangible.

A SENATOR WHO LOOKS VERY FAR AHEAD.

If it is statesmanship to look ahead, then must Senator Poirier be regarded as the greatest living Canadian statesman. This old gentleman's name is as completely unknown to the great mass of the Canadian people as are the names of nine out of ten of the members of the Senate at Ottawa. He hails from the land of Evangeline down by the Atlantic, and has been a Senator some twenty years. That he possesses the faculty of looking far ahead he has just proved by rising in his place in the stately chamber of the Senate and demanding that Canada shall make her title to the islands of the Arctic archipelago clear beyond any possibility of question, because he says that seven hundred years ago Greenland was a productive country and it may be a productive country seven hundred years from now and then those islands may flourish with fertility. It is difficult to grow very enthusiastic over what may take place in the year 2610, but our interest is somewhat stimulated by Senator Poirier's assurance that if it were not for the radium in the earth we should all have been frozen to death long ago. Why does not the Senator move for a committee for the conservation of radium and its application to those Arctic islands so as to make them blossom like the rose in the immediate future. Seven hundred years is a long time to have to wait. The Senator certainly has an eye to posterity. He is not like Sir Boyle Roche, the celebrated Irish orator, who exclaimed in the British House of Commons, "Why, Mr. Speaker, should we do anything for posterity? What has posterity ever done for us?"

WOMEN AND VOTES.

President Taft says he is in favor of woman suffrage when a majority of women want to vote. In four of the United States women have already the same suffrage as men, namely, in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. In twenty-five of the States women have the right to vote at school elections. In seventeen states they have no vote at all. In Canada they have municipal suffrage, as a rule. In Great Britain single women and widows have municipal and county suffrage—that is, they vote on their property. In the Commonwealth of Australia they have full national suffrage, and also suffrage in the several states. In New Zealand they have full suffrage. In France women engaged in business have a limited suffrage. In Norway they have full suffrage, and in Sweden municipal suffrage. In Finland they have full suffrage. In Russia women who hold property have the right to vote for members of the Duma. The only case in which woman suffrage, having once been tried was abandoned, was that of the State of Washington, where women had full suffrage in territorial days but were deprived of it when the Territory of Washington became a State. The fact of there having been only one such case seems to be an argument of some value in favor of extending the vote to women. So also is the fact that no case is cited of women having abused the right to vote. At the same time President Taft's observation is not merely an attempt to shirk the question. It is more than that; it is the utterance of a sound principle. No one can give a good reason reason why the women of this country and of the United States should not vote, except that they do not want to, and this is reason enough. The majority of women do not feel it to be their province to participate in the government of the nation, and this being the case, the majority of the men are not disposed to permit the minority of the women to force the ballot upon the remainder.

A BUMPTIOUS OFFICIAL.

Lieutenant Pryce-Jones, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who has been travelling in this country, was put off the train at the boundary line by a United States immigration official, as a person not suitable to enter the United States. That particular—not to say too particular—immigration official is becoming widely notorious, and it is surely high time that the United States Government recognized the fact that his fitness for his duties in the position he holds is plainly short of the proper standard.

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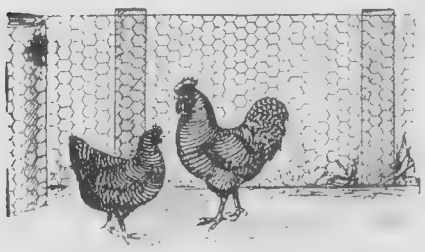

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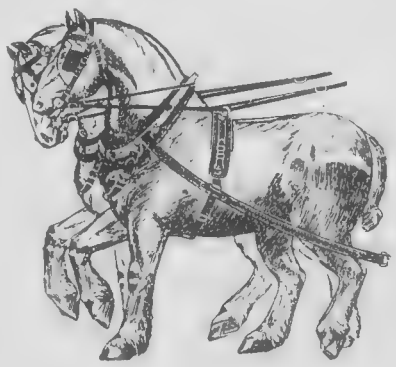

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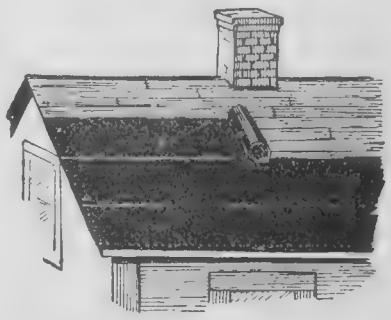

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What the World is Saying.

A Distinction Lost Sight Of.

Too many members of Parliament refuse to see the distinction between a debate and a gabfeast.—Toronto Telegram.

A Uniformed Law-Maker.

A member of Parliament thinks the West should use Nova Scotia coal. He apparently has never been West.—Edmonton Bulletin.

The Man Who Works Cannot Fail.

The trek to the West begins again. Yet it is well to remember that men succeed in the west, just as in the east, only by industry and enterprise.—London Advertiser.

Just for a Change.

There is an item of news from the coast to-day concerning the lumbermen. For a wonder it is not an announcement of a raise in prices.—Calgary Herald.

A Mere Trifle to Andrew.

Alas, poor Carnegie! The other day he discovered he had $3,000,000 more than he thought he owned. Imagine yourself in such a fix as that, dear reader!—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Exclusion of Mr. Pryce-Jones.

A Briton named Pryce-Jones was refused admission into the States. That's about the first time a man who had the price with him couldn't get about anything he wanted over there.—Edmonton Journal.

A London Gibe at Hamilton.

We refuse to believe that in Hamilton, the intellectual centre of this fair Dominion, the authorities have been forced to repaint the garbage cans to prevent an intelligent public from posting letters in them.—London Free Press.

A Chicago By-law Against Hatpins.

Chicago women are protesting against a proposed ordinance to bar out long hat pins. Easiest way out for the lawmakers is to induce some authority to declare the pins unfashionable.—Minneapolis Journal.

"A Course of Proper Courtship."

The Japanese have added a course of proper courtship to the curriculum of the girls' schools in Japan. Here in the United States we would as soon think of establishing a school for teaching ducks to swim. —Seattle Post-Intelligence.

No Need to Carry Revolvers.

In Canada not one man in a thousand has any need to carry a revolver. The averge citizen, who minds his business and behaves himself, has no need for a gun; he only finds need to use it when he has it convenient.—Peterboro Examiner.

The Perils of Politicians.

A member of the Provincial Parliament was stabbed in the cheek by a hat pin in a Toronto street car. The stabbing of legislators, in the back and elsewhere, seems to be rather common in Toronto.—Brockville Times.

A Fatal Opponent.

Tom Longboat was fined again this week for an over-indulgence in firewater. Tom, whom at his best no one could outrun, is evidently going into a contest with an opponent who always wins, and the longer the race the surer is the victory.—Toronto Star.

Recipe for Longevity.

Peter Jubin died at his home in Windsor a few days ago at the age of 102 years. The principal reason given for his long life was the fact that he "loved hard work, and there was nothing too hard for him to tackle." This renews our hopes of reaching the century mark.—Aylmer (Ont.) Express.

The Peopling of the Prairies.

The occupation of the prairies continues at a gratifying rate and what is quite satisfactory as the rapidity with which the great unoccupied spaces are being settled is the class of citizens which we are getting the Anglo-Saxon strain is still predominant.—Saskatoon Phoenix.

Too Much Talk in Parliament.

If the members of the House of Commons did not spend most of their speechifying time in proving that what the other fellow said five years ago and what he says to-day are quite irreconcilable, it would be found difficult to keep the session going six weeks.—Kingston Whig.

Pounds vs. Tons.

Most powerful present American battleships, 26,000 tons. Present programme, two of 27,000 tons. Argentina's new ships, 28,000 tons. Japan plans for two of 32,000 tons. Secretary Meyer now wants two of 34,000 tons. And they may all be blown up by an airship weighed in pounds instead of tons. Chicago Tribune.

The Pushful Japs.

The Japs are keeping up the hot pace they set ten years ago. They have been importing all their manufactures of copper and brass tubes and pipes. Now they are setting up their own industries to turn out such products at home. Those little Japs are going to worry all the world before they get through.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Two Things Lacking in the States.

The people of the United States cannot have a parcel post, because the express companies will not hear of it; they cannot have postal savings banks because the private savings banks will not allow it. For a people, who are supposed to govern themselves, our neighbors are "bossed" worse than any other nation in the world.—Victoria Colonist.

Conserving Forest Resources.

The Pennsylvania Railroad planted over a million young trees last year, and has planted three and one-half million along its right of way since it began the work of reforestration. The necessity of this provision for a future supply of ties shows that Canada and the United States are awakening none too soon to the necessity of conserving forest resources.—Toronto Globe.

Selling Liquor to "Interdicts."

A Toronto man who was on the "Indian List" has been sent to jail for three weeks for drinking liquor. If this practice were generally followed there would be fewer complaints of liquor being supplied men who are "billed." In addition to the lister being jailed the man who sells the liquor to him should be fined. If this were done the law would be respected.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Women More Practical than Men.

Women nearly always do things better than men. They are more practical, more ingenious and more concerned with the thing that immediately matters. Men look farther ahead and take broader views of life, but when it comes to the minutiae and the detail of life, leave it to a woman. Did you ever notice how they hang their coats? They have a loop in each armhole, and when the garment is hung up it gets no ugly twist as your coat does with its loop on the collar. But do you think you could get your tailor to adopt that plan?—Toronto World.

Safeguards Should be Devised.

A little Ottawa girl died from eating strychnine pills, and it is declared that no inquest is necessary. Such accidents, of which there are all too many, should be a warning to druggists to place all poisonous drugs in packages that shall unmistakably point to their dangerous contents, and thus lead to proper precautions being taken to avoid tragedies such as this recent one.—Hamilton Herald.

The Prevalence of Firearms.

The cry is raised, "Disarm the Foreigner" because of the numerous shooting tragedies which have occurred on account of foreigners having firearms in their possession. There is ordinarily no reason why any person, Canadian or foreigner, should carry a shooting weapon. Further restrictions on their use would be proper in protecting human life.—Ottawa Citizen.

Law-makers and People.

What is needed at Ottawa is a parliamentary league for the encouragement of members who will meet their electors in person. Nine in ten of the speeches delivered in the last three weeks ought to have been spoken in the living presence of the men for whose intellectual consumption the speeches were designed. If that were done, Parliament would still have to spend a good deal of time each year at its work, but it would be spent doing business.—Montreal Herald.

Not Worth Betting On.

The arguments produced in favor of permitting gambling to be carried on as a business in connection with Canadian race-tracks are probably the lamest specimens ever trotted out in such a connection. They are spavined, foundered, hamstrung. They fail utterly to account for the enthusiasm displayed in certain quarters on behalf, not merely of horse racing, but of bookmaking as an accompaniment of the races.—The Presbyterian, Toronto.

Race Track Gambling.

An alarming feature of the situation is that betting on Canadian tracks is increasing yearly, to say nothing of the betting on results from outside tracks which follows the formation of the habit. Mr. Raney calculates that over twenty-two million dollars was bet last year in connection with six tracks in Canada. What the total would be if augmentated by Canadian bets on American tracks is beyond conjecture. This money was staked in many cases by boys and men who could ill afford to lose it. Sometimes it was other people's money. —Ottawa Free Press.

Franchise Riots in Germany.

Between two and three hundred persons were wounded by the police at Frankfort in suppressing the demonstrations against the proposed Prussian franchise law. Perhaps the ideas of the ruling party are worth maintaining at this price, and perhaps not. The way opinion is shaping now whoever bears a part of the burdens of the state is entitled to a voice in saying what the burden shall be; and the wiser a government is the readier should it be to recognize and act in agreement with what is a demand of natural justice.—Montreal Gazette.

A Disgraceful Proceeding.

Surely the apotheosis of vulgarity was attained when a New York millionaire gave an elaborate feast to his friends to celebrate the granting to his wife of a final decree of divorce from him. The merits of the suit are not in issue; it is only fair to the law courts of the United States to assume that the judgment was justified by the defendant's misconduct. The whole entertainment was an ostentatious defiance of public opinion, good taste, religion and morality in the name of wealth.—Regina Leader.

A Rebuke for Ryley.

An Eastern paper has published a glaring, yellow article accusing the Western ranchers and farmers of the most barbaric cruelty, because cattle are not kept in warm, stuffy stables where they breathe vitiated air and develop tuberculosis, but rather are allowed the freedom of the prairie, where their coats grow thick, their constitution robust and their appetites keen. "Your view-point is not the same as ours," said the pagan to the early Christian, "therefore you must be condemned." Same thing down East.—Ryley (Alta.) Times.

Mammon Worship.

The Hamilton Spectator wants to know if it may not be said that "Canada can produce nothing higher than stalwart manhood. Can anything," it asks, "be of greater value to the country than the production of men who shall be truly men, standing strong in their own conviction of right and daring to be true to those ideals that make for nobility of life and the uplift of the race?" There can be nothing better; but the trouble is that sort of man has usually a hard time of it, as compared, let us say, with that other type of man who has fewer "high ideals"—and more coin of the realm. Mammon worship is, unfortunately, not unknown in Canada.—Kingston Standard.

Absurd Divorce Laws.

Mrs. Ava Willing Astor has been granted a divorce from her husband, John Jacob Astor. Col. Astor is denied the privilege of marrying again. How absurd that is. According to the laws of New York he cannot take unto himself another wife. But according to the laws of New Jersey he can cross the Hudson in a ferry boat and marry to his heart's content in Jersey City or Hoboken, return to New York and live happily ever after, and his marriage will be quite legal. This is the sort of thing that brings into disrepute the law system of this country. What is illegal in one state is perfectly legal in another. Thus divorce laws have become a roaring farce as well as a positive disgrace. The remedy lies in uniform legislation. Either that—either the states must agree upon the statutes regulating marriage and divorce—or there must be a constitutional amendment granting power to Congress to act.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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There are certain safe lines in conversation. As a rule no man or woman fails to appreciate a true compliment. It is, also, always safe to repeat to your friend some fairly flattering remark which you had the privilege of hearing your neighbor use with reference to him. A mother never objects to listening to a kind remark concerning her daughter. A father is always pleased to know that your eye is open to the progress being made by his boy in business or in study. Why not follow the safe line in conversation. "It is said that Catherine of Russia joined the coalition against Frederick the Great in the Seven Years' War because of a cutting sarcasm upon her by the Prussian monarch, which travelled from Potsdam to St. Petersburg.

Just Where You Are?

Do not remain where you are if you can better yourself. Study the four points of the compass of opportunity. Examine the North; review the South; read about the West; be thoroughly posted with reference to the East. Move if you can better yourself. But if you cannot move—then better yourself without moving. The best way to get a larger position than you now occupy is to be just a little larger than your present position. Do your best and then believe that a kind providence will take care of your destiny. Canon Farrar once said:—"During the last thirty-six years God has twelve times changed my home, and fifteen times changed my work. I have scarcely done what I myself would have chosen. The support of my life is to know that I am doing what God wishes, and not what I wish myself."

Master Your Moods.

The first battle in the life of a young man is with himself. He does not understand himself. And he is conscious that the world does not understand him. This is the era of emotional conflicts. The tidal waves of passion, hope, fear, desire, anticipation and wonder, sweep over his soul. His feelings play havoc with his heart. Just at this point a young man should lean on the invisible and begin the exercise of a strong will power. For all that Garrick expressed in his face, a young man has in his soul. J. Brierley in the British Weekly says:—"There is a passage in Diderot where he speaks of a marvellous performance by Garrick: 'He saw Garrick pass his head between two folding doors, and in the space of a few seconds his face went successively from mad joy to moderate joy, from this to tranquillity, and from tranquillity to surprise, from surprise to astonishment, from astonishment to gloom, from gloom to utter dejection, from dejection to fear, from fear to horror, from horror to despair; and then reascend from this lowest degree to the point whence he had started.'"

Fear of Fear.

Fear is the great enemy of the race. Fear is caution grown old. Fear means a life preserver on every seat as well as under every berth. Fear means a danger signal large enough to impede the progress of the train. Fear, chronic fear, can be seen in the nervous shrinking of childhood and in the chronic caution of old age. The Youth's Companion, an American periodical remarks:—"A Frenchman has been finding names for almost every kind of fear that human beings can have. He ends his list, quite appropriately, with "phophobia"—fear of fear." And to this quotation we add the words of Mathew Arnold, who says:—"Depression and low spirits when yielded to become a species of death." There is more than a grain of truth in the Oriental proverb, "The plague killed five thousand people; fifty thousand died of fear."

A First Class Fool.

An inexperienced gambler is a first-class fool just as surely as an experienced gambler is a first-class knave. Because one is a scoundrel, the other must be a fool. No man ever beat the devil at his own game. The young gambler's luck will never match the old gambler's skill. Of all the fools of modern society, the most colossal fool is the young man who is loking for his fortune in the pool room or the "bucket shop." An expert in observation remarks:—"The dice which are exhumed at Pompeii are "loaded" so that certain numbers must turn up more frequently than others, just as is the case to-day with the dice to be found as confiscated property in any police museum of New York, Chicago or San Francisco. On the streets of our own city a big business is done in papers professing to give "tips" upon the races, pointing out the horses "most likely to win." And yet some people will remember that when the English Derby was run last summer no horse that was "selected by experts" won a single prize."

Do It—Drop It.

Cultivate the faculty of execution. Get into the way of doing things. Do the thing just once and drop it. An ounce of preparation is worth a pound of retrospection. Do your very best on your present proposition and when you are through with it turn deliberately to the next item on the programme. Don't let your imagination play with you. Do not permit your mind to generate shadows. Keep a clear atmosphere in your soul. Sunshine in your heart will keep bright the pathway of life. An American religious leader remarks:—"I have long cherished a testimony of Henry Ward Beecher, that he had been able to live to a vigorous old age by doing his work only once. Most people, he said, do it three times: once in anticipation, once in realization and once in retrospection."

Titles.

To have a degree conferred upon you by a great university is an honor indeed, but it usually comes to one at the end of life's pilgrimage, when it is more of a pleasure than a help. A "Rev." or an "M.D." may be useful in order to indicate a man's calling or profession, but God pity the preacher or doctor who depends on diplomas or degrees. The man of true worth and splendid achievement is prone to be careless with references, prefixes and appendages:—"Mr. Willard, of Harvard, Mass., the village where William Emerson first preached, said that when my father came to lecture there many years ago the Curator of the Lyceum rose in the desk and said: "I have the pleasure as well as the honor of introducing to you this evening the Reverend"— "Oh, we can do without the 'Reverend,' Mr.——," said Mr. Emerson, looking up from his papers, loud enough to be heard by many of the audience, who were much amused."

A Clean Life.

In a new community where men are living in tents and shacks and churches and missions are scarce "sharpness" may rate high on the street and behind the counter, but in settled society nothing commands such attention and consideration as a sterling character expressed in a clean life. In the long run nothing so commands the hearty endorsement and approval of humanity as a life which is clean, earnest, sincere, upright and industrious. Bishop Quayle says:—"Genius gives license for lust. With Cromwell it was not so. He was pure. His life was clean. Henry VIII was a libertine; Charles I, a liar; Charles II, a second Domitian for lascivious revels. Cromwell, in striking antithesis, was true to home. He honored his mother. He loved his wife. Their relations were the tenderest. He loved his children. His son, slain in battle, was never absent from his father's loving thought. His daughter dying, the great heart of the soldier broke. About the man was a noble dignity."

Be True.

Be true to your friend. Be true to him in the hour of his adversity. Be true to him when his friends are leaving him. Be true to him when he is beginning to go down hill. Be true to him when he has blundered and fallen. Be true to him when the doors of society are closed to him. Be true to him when his God is the only one who has not forsaken him. This is true friendship. J. M. Buckeley, the great religious editor remarks:—"Dr. Cuyler had a peculiar form of courage. He was a friend of Theodore Tilton from the latter's youth, but was saddened by his deflection from the gospel and his erratic reforms, some of which he considered deforms. In the Beecher case, when Tilton was the plaintiff, the latter became extremely unpopular. On a certain Sunday Dr. Cuyler descended from the pulpit and the people as usual shook hands with him. Tilton had come in that morning to hear his old friend preach. As he was going out, looking askance at Dr. Cuyler, the latter stretched out his hand and said: "How do you do, Theodore?" One of Dr. Cuyler's friends was incensed and said to Dr. Cuyler: "The hand that shakes the hand of Theodore Tilton cannot shake mine." Said the Doctor: "I am very sorry, but it would be too large a price to pay for one hand-shake to give the control of one's hand to another."

Record! Record!

Pilate wrote his own death sentence when he penned the words:—"What I have written, I have witten." Every day we are making a record which can never be erased or blotted out but the stain of the past is there. Your rubber and penknife blade leaves a poor surface for new inscriptions. So be careful what you say, what you write, what you do, what you think—for—you are making a record. E. Hubbard remarks:—"However, John Morley is now a member of the Cabinet. Gladstone is dead. In January, 1891, when it was known that Bradlaugh was dying, a resolution was introduced and passed by the House of Commons, expunging from the records all references to Bradlaugh having been expelled or debarred from his seat. Gladstone the chief figure in the expulsion and debarment, favored the resolution. When the dying man was told this he said, "Give them my greetings—I am grateful. I have forgiven it all, and would have forgotten it, save for this." Here he paused, and was silent. After some moments, he opened his eyes, half smiled, and motioning to Labouchere to come close, whispered: "But Labby, the past cannot be wiped out by a resolution of Parliament. The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on, nor all your tears shall blot a line of it."

Dangerous Thinking.

"As dangerous as a thought" will be one of the accepted expressions of the twentieth century. For men are more and more beginning to realize the power of a thought. Think a thought persistently and it will come to surface. Men will find it in your face, see it in your eye, hear it in your voice, and recognize it in your gesture. Thought is like a certain brand of soap—"It floats." It always finds the surface. For good or for evil, for weal or for woe, ideas are the only things which ruler mankind. Ackworth says:—"But if ideas will not help us, there is nothing under God's sun that can. This world has been lifted to what it is by ideas. As Emerson says again, 'They only who build on ideas build for eternity.' As we read in that recent sensational novel, "When it was Dark," 'the decisive events of the world take place in the intellect.' The only things that count are ideas. 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.'"

Your Handicap?

Were it not for your body you could fly. Gravitation and your body conspire to keep you near the earth. Destiny provides every man with a due trials to impede and no troubles to annoy, become measure of ballast. Successful men who have no "heady" and self-willed. Nothing is so sure to ruin the average man as continued prosperity and unbroken success. The author of "Life's Working Creed" says:—"One person has an unsatisfactory wife or husband, or an indolent, dishonorable partner; another has an unscrupulous competitor in trade, or is working short time; another has a sickly wife, or has missed his chance in life because his father neglected him; this man lost his wife when his family most needed her, the other has a foreman who is a brute, or has to worship in the same sanctuary with the man who sold him some rotten shares. Many of us in these times are highly strung, and life drives savagely into the raw."

Preacher in the Pew.

"Put yourself in his place."—is a proverb which has a world of wisdom in it. There are two points of view. Your view point and your neighbor's view point. If you are right in your opinion your conviction will be strengthened by the simple process of testing your thought by the thought of your neighbors. To compare and contrast is the work of the true scholar and philosopher. Be broad enough to confer and big enough to consult. Ask your neighbor what he "thinks" about it. Somebody has said about Henry Ward Beecher:—"One Sunday evening when his pulpit was occupied by some other pastor he was seen sitting in the gallery. When asked why he was up there, he replied "that he wanted to see how the preacher looked from that point of view."

Too Late.

Men think, repent and act when it is too late, The young spendthrift begins to economize after he has spent a fortune. The sensualist begins to "diet" after he has wasted his physical substance in riotous living. The stable keeper locks the barn door after the horse has been stolen. The society queen begins to be concerned about her reputation after her fair garments have been stained. We are all wise and brave and strong after the event:—"When Charles Bronte was dying he was too proud to call in a physician and too proud to even lie down, thus he died standing." Just so. Contemptible in life but great in death.

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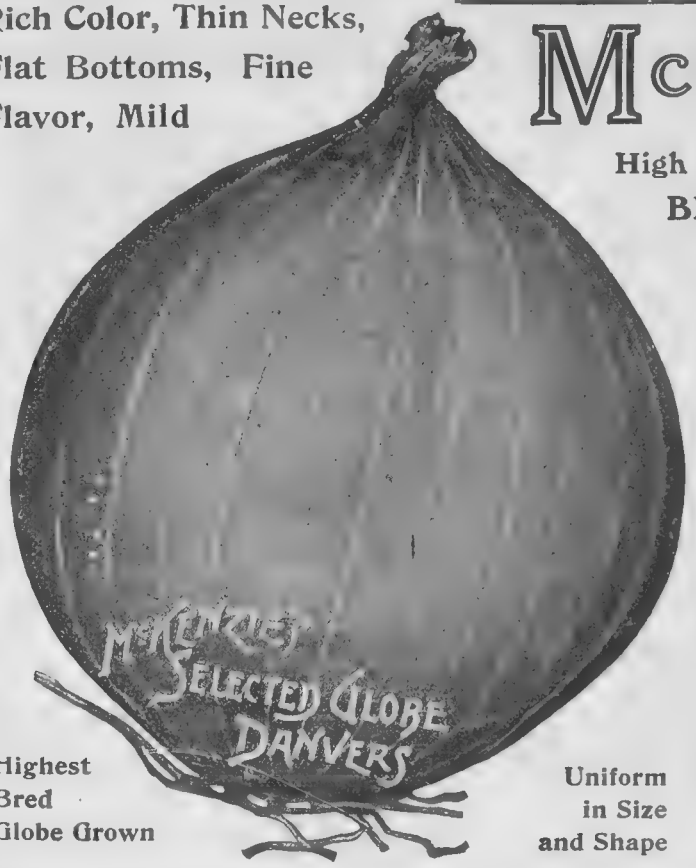

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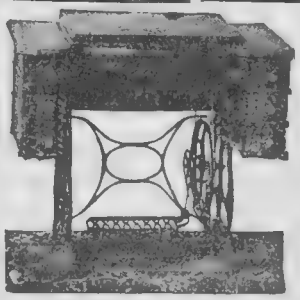

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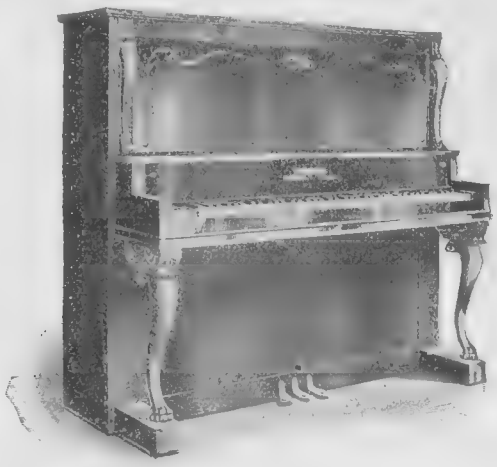

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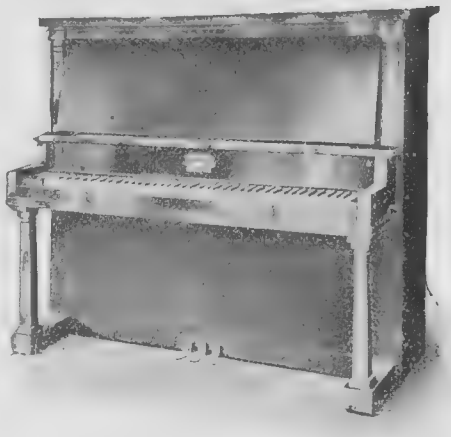

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The Young Woman and Her Problem.

By PEARL RICHMOND HAMILTON.

A stenographer sends me this problem: "I feel that I am simply a machine in the office. Why should I be robbed of individuality as I am? I dislike exceedingly the attitude of employer to employed in our office."

The greatest loss in the world is the loss of self-respect. Young women develop themselves but they are responsible to those about them for the kind of lives they live. It is their duty to themselves and to society that they prize their personality.

The girl who bravely faces the battles of life, creates her own atmosphere and has opportunity to build up fine character if she retains her womanliness, her dignity and her self-respect. A girl who enters the business world must lower her womanly dignity; the manner in which she approaches her employer will largely determine the manner in which she will be approached. There in no good faithful work forgotten. It may seem to the stenographer that her conscientious work is not noticed, but the employer values it more than he expresses and in the end she will be recognized.

"A distinguished educator and literary man," says The Christian Advocate, "called in an office and uttered a sentiment which will awaken a response in thousands of hearts and heads. The air of the man, as he uttered the statement, was that of a person who had discovered a diamond of the first water. These were his words:

"I have a stenographer who knows when not to talk."

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"Did you ever stop to think that a grouch does much to injure the character and career of many people?

You came into my department two years ago from a small office in the town in which you were born. You are now earning eleven dollars a week; your pay should be fifteen dollars a week, and it is your own fault that you are not getting it. Your ability mechanically is all right but you carry a perpetual grouch with you. You make your work a cross instead of a pleasure, snip and snap at those about you, and your bad days even disturb my temperament and irritate me.

You are respected for your abilities, but thoroughly disliked for your disregard of the feelings and necessities of those about you. You have lost advancement and are injuring your character through grouchiness."

From the president of the corporation down to the stoker in the basement of the building is needed the 'human touch'—genuine thoughtfulness one for another. Every helping hand added to other helping hands lightens the burdens of work, strengthens the character." And so I affirm, dear girl stenographer, that a kind heart, a gentle manner, a womanly dignity will create in you a personality so splendid that it will radiate an outflowing that is rare and fine and full of recompense. You are coming in contact with the masses and you will not only win the respect and admiration of all who know you, but you will exert a refining influence on those with whom you mingle and though you are a working girl and your sphere is the 'business world" the fact remains that you are still a lady in every sense of the word, and not a machine. If you retain your self-respect no employer can rob you of your individuality, for self-respect creates individuality. It is a queen among virtues.

Standing by Father.

I am pleased to see some of the women's magazines introducing departments that contain ideas for kind consideration of fathers. I am afraid we neglect the "fathers" too much in our journalistic advice. A daughter should treat her father with respectful regard.

This confession is told by a motherless girl:

"You don't know what it cost me the first time I opened the piano after mother's death. But father loves music, and he needs all the help he can to keep up his heart. Mother used to read aloud to him in the evenings, and, the first time I tried it, I thought every word would choke me. But it didn't. It helps me to think that I'm doing it for father's sake, and for mother's sake, too. It would please her to know that I was trying to fill her place." There are other motherless girls who could profitably take these words to heart. Grief is some times very selfish. The girl who lets her natural sorrow shadow the home life like a dark cloud is making a great mistake. The father of a motherless girl tries, as a rule, to be both father and mother to his child; and she should reciprocate by trying to fill her mother's place, as far as she can, by interesting herself in what interests him, by wearing a bright face, and making the atmosphere of the home cheery and wholesome. What she does for her father's sake is done for her absent mother as well. Sometimes she may rebel because her place is hard to bear, but let her remember that the heavenly father knows in what soil his human flowers flourish best. But let me say to the girls who have mother and father, things that seem small and insignificant at the time, things that girls console themselves for having done with the thought that "Father did not notice it," will come back with a sting of bitter reproach when they have left "father's" home.

Disrespect for "father" will be their regret when they leave him. Do not fall short of true comradeship with him. You will be safer and he will appreciate it.

A Disturbing Element.

The young woman who works a few months every year for money to buy extra clothes, creates discontent among office girls and clerks that is far reaching in its disturbing influence. There are many girls whose parents are able to support them comfortably, but not extravagantly and consequently they go into offices and stores during certain seasons of the year.

These girls not only usurp the positions needed by poor earnest girls who must work, but they creat discontent. They hurl sneering remarks at the girls who work for the bare necessities of life, and utter disapproval of the environments.

This remark came from such a girl:

"I would rather be dead than work here all the time."

Another asked a little under fed girl this question.

"How can you dress decently and pay board on your salary?" Then she meanly added:

"But perhaps you don't care for swell clothes."

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This type has a tendency to overdress, and some one has described an over dressed female as a head-on collision between a fashion plate and a nightmare.

A Fine Art.

It is gratifying to know that society is finding its own cooks under its own roof, and what is more these cooks are proud of their work. The society girl who makes a dessert, cake or an extra good cup of tea, feels that the praise is her very own when some one speaks favorably of her efforts.

Since Domestic Science has become a profession, young women are learning to be proud of the ability to cook well. It is no longer regarded as mean and degrading—it is a pity that it ever was considered a lowly task when it means life itself.

The Busy—Idle Women.

I have been thinking of the "busy-idle young woman—the person who really has nothing to do but is continually rushed. She is a human burr that pricks like a Canadian thistle. She comes in to bother you when you are very busy and confides her personal and family affairs in you until she makes you feel like a garbage can into which she can dump all of her troubles.

William George Jordan says: "She takes you through the windings of her most intimate thoughts and feelings and experiences till you have a sense of shock at her sudden house cleaning and fumigation of the emotions, and you imagine you are looking at some one walking down the street in the bath-robe." The painful unrest of nervous idleness leads her nowhere near a shadow of happiness for herself or others and her wearisome calls on you bore you into temporary distraction.

This indiscriminate caller is the cause of much overwork among really busy young women who have to work overtime in order to make up for the hours wasted in listening to the "busy-idle" tormentor.

The Safety of Protective Influence.

Young women often rebel because certain conventional rules forbid them to go to places of amusement without a chaperon; they would like to entertain young at later hours than propriety permits; they do not understand why "mother" insists that "Jack" or "Tom" are not the right kind of young men for their association; and they are simply furious when forbidden to go certain places.

Now these girls do not value the safety of these conventions. They do not realize that "Jack" and "Tom" prefer girls who are carefully protected. I once asked a young man why he was so rude to Maud and so courteous to Louise?

He replied: "Why I would not dare to be rude to Louise, because she is so careful in her manner and respects her mother's advice." "What about Maud?" I asked.

"Oh, she isn't anything—she thinks her mother is too old-fashioned and says she knows more about propriety than her mother."

Coarse, cheap signs are placed outside of the show-window at the mercy of the street thief and public plunderer, but valuable diamonds have positions well back of the glass window guarded by strong iron bars of protection.

Young women who have this protective influence should be extremely thankful; there are many homeless girls—free from convictions of protection—who would give their lives for this safeguard.

A Sacred Privilege.

A young woman who is invited to the home of an acquaintance has the honor of receiving the highest favor a home-maker can bestow. Admittance unto a household is a privilege and the things one hears in another's home are sacred and should be guarded as carefully as one keps her own most cherished secrets. Accidents will happen, sometimes, the wrong word is spoken at the wrong time, some one loses his temper, or some one's feelings are hurt and she sheds a few tears.

If a guest happens to be present when such takes place, the sooner she forgets it the better. Be sure to refrain from mentioning these unfortunate incidents. It is a good rule to keep silent regarding the things that go wrong in the household where one is a guest. Tihs is one occasion where "Silence is Golden." It is cruel to thus abuse hospitality.

Treasure—Houses.

The most distinguishing characteristic of a great soul is the yearning for something above it.

Young women are capable of thinking, therefore if they direct this power to constructive thinking they will create a habit of thought that will lif them ever upward in the sphere of woman's work. To think rightly is to create.

The object of human society is to exchange views and ideas. They are not contributing their share to the "feast of life" if they have no helpful ideas to give. If one takes a theme and fixes it in her mind as an idea and follows it to a definite conclusion that satisfies her, it gives her peace and rest and strength and self-confidence.

Productive thinking will create strength of mind.

It sees new things; it reaches better conclusions; it develops higher aspirations, and promotes greater enthusiasm.

It fills the soul with purer love. Ruskin says:

"Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts. None of us yet know what fairy places we may build of beautiful thoughts, proof against all adversity. Bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful sayings, treasure houses of precious and restful thoughts which care cannot disturb nor poverty take away from us, houses built without hands."

In conclusion I give this prayer which I hope every young woman will place before her.

"Keep my mental home a sacred place, golden with gratitude. redolent with love, and white with purity. Let me send no thought into the world that will not bless, or cheer, or purify, or heal."

A Request.

The writer of this page would be thankful if any young women will send into this department the problems that trouble them.

Wings of a Dove.

At sunset, when the rosy light was dying,
Far down the rosy pathway of the West,
I saw a lonely dove in silence flying
To be at rest.

Pilgrim of air! I cried, could I but borrow
Thy wandering wings, thy freedom blest,
I'd fly away from every careful sorrow
And find my rest.

But when the dusk a filmy veil was weaving.
Back came the dove to seek her nest.
Deep in the forest where her mate was grieving—
There was true rest.

Peace, heart of mine! no longer sigh to wander;
Lose not thy life in fruitless quest,
There are no happy islands over yonder;
Come home and rest.

Women's Quiet Hour.

Miss A. B. Juniper. Since last my page reached its readers I have had the very great pleasure of meeting Miss A. B. Juniper, the lady who is to have charge of the Domestic Science course to open in the Agricultural College on May first. Miss Juniper came from Macdonald College, St. Anne's de Bellvue, Que., for a short time, to meet the Board of the College and arrange, as far as possible, the details of the short course to be attempted this year. The details are now in the hands of everyone who is interested in the course, by means of the circular issued by the college board, but what the recipients of that circular do not know is the great personal charm, the wide culture, and the high standing in her chosen profession, which make Miss Juniper so especially desirable as the head of this new department of the college.

Not in years have I met a woman who impressed me so favorably as an instructor of young women. Her standing as a teacher and her ability to impart instruction are unquestioned, as after four years' residence and work in Canada she was chosen by Professor James W. Robertson to fill the important position of "Dean of the Household Science Section of St. Anne de Bellevue," the great co-educational Agricultural College on which Senator Macdonald has spent millions and which is today the finest and most complete institution of its kind in the world.

Some will wonder what induced Miss Juniper to leave such congenial surroundings to come west, and I ventured to ask her the question. She told me frankly that no increase in salary would have tempted her, though she sensibly admitted that such things had their weight. A real thing that brought her was the opportunity of starting this work in a new province where nothing of the kind had been done. The strong attraction of the born teacher to a spot where, instead of building on another's foundation, she would have the great opportunity of laying her own foundations. Personally, I can understand the pull of such an opportunity and I warmly congratulate the girls who will have the good fortune to receive instruction under so enthusiastic a teacher.

Miss Juniper is an Englishwoman of good birth and wide culture, and to these desirable things she has personal charm and thorough training, and I am sure the girls who come to her will learn quite as much from her unconscious lessons as from her conscious ones. The mother who has hesitated to let her young daughter come to Winnipeg to take this course, need hesitate no longer; she could not entrust her to more competent hands.

Miss Binnie Clark. This name appears in my page once more. During the month I received the following letter from "Who Calls," of Fort Qu'Appelle: Editor of the "Woman's Quiet Hour"—I hardly think you have been fair or consistent in your strictures on Miss Binnie Clark's conduct in arranging for women pupils. If there are those at home who would like to come out here and learn to farm under female tuition, why is she not perfectly within her rights in making what she considers fair and honorable terms? You grant that the landowner is quite justifiable in disposing of his land on whatever terms he likes, hard and arbitrary she (Miss Clark) may consider them. As an Englishwoman, she knows that in the Old Country the land would be sold by auction and after the vendor's just dues are paid, the surplus would be handed over to the late owner. This, you will see, is altogether different from the procedure complained of.

While I think the writer has taken me up wrongly, I am very glad to get the letter as it shows me that women are taking an interest in projects of this kind. While in Regina, some weeks ago, I talked this matter over with one of the best known and most prosperous farmers of the Qu'Appelle Valley. He knew Miss Clarke's place and considered her scheme quite feasible. He called my attention to a point which I had overlooked, viz., that while charging for men farm pupils was a straight hold-up game, that in the case of women it was different, for the simple reason that few, if any, men farmers would be willing to take women as farm pupils and that Miss Clarke was giving them an opportunity which they might find difficult to get in any other way, and this was worth a certain amount of money, but he entirely agreed with me that the proposed $250 a year was excessive.

Later in the month I had a long letter from a prominent solicitor in London, England, asking me to cable my opinion of the scheme for the benefit of a widowed client of his whose daughter was anxious to come out. I was obliged, from the tone of his letter, to cable caution in the matter but wrote him fully as to what details I had of the scheme and also giving him the opinion of the farmer I have mentioned.

Personally, I am in hearty sympathy with the idea of women farming their own land, and have always been so, and I have never been able to understand why so few Canadian women attempt it. But bringing out farm pupils from England has never been a success among men, though individual cases have succeeded, and I am rather dubious about it for women. It is to me a question whether the girl who is paying for board and lodging will ever buckle down seriously to the dull and rather laborious work of learning to farm, for, like all real work in this world, there is drudgery at the beginning. I shall no doubt mention this matter again from time to time and if readers of this page have any opinions on the questions or any personal experience of Miss Clarke's scheme I shall be very glad to have them sent in.

Favorite Poems. It would be difficult to express the pleasure it has given me to receive during the past month so many beautiful poems that are favorites with the senders. I shall only be able to publish one this month, so I am taking them in order of precedence and giving you the one that reached me first. It came to me from far-away Alberta and the sender's letter appears further down on the page.

"Today's Resolve."

Today no coward thought shall start
Upon its journey from my heart,
Today no hasty word shall slip
Over the threshold of my lip.

Today no selfish hope shall rest
Within the region of my breast,
Today no wave of wrath shall roll
Over the ocean of my soul.

Today I vow with sword and song
To fight oppression and the wrong,
Today I dedicate my youth
To duty and eternal truth

—R. L.

The Flower Garden. The following brief paper on this subject was prepared by Miss Ruth Lloyd, of Morden, Manitoba, for the recent meeting of the Western Horticultural Society, but, through multiplicity of good things on the programme, was crowded out and not read. Through the courtesy of Professor Broderick, the secretary of the society, I am allowed to give it to readers of the page before it appears in the society's regular report. Miss Lloyd is a famous grower of hardy flowers both in and out of doors and to me, at least, her paper has great suggestive value.

"Driving through the Mennonite Reserve in the summer time the stranger will notice with surprise and pleasure the brilliant display of bloom in the flower gardens which are such an important feature of every Mennonite farm home, whether the house and outbuildings be large or small, whether the family be prosperous or poor, the garden is there just the same.

"Poppies, Cornflowers, Monkshood, Marigolds, Larkspur, Heartsease, Scarlet lightening and many other common and hardy flowers all jumbled up in happy confusion, make even the least attractive place cheery and homelike.

"Almost everyone loves flowers, yet comparatively few farm homes of the English speaking people throughout the country can boast of a flower garden worthy the name. Why is it?

"Probably because the women (and a flower garden naturally belongs to the woman) are so busy with the hundred and one other things that have to be attended to, they feel unable to undertake the extra work, but if they once get started right, it is quite possible to have a succession of bloom from May till October without such a great outlay of time and trouble after all.

"The first thing to be considered is the location. I would strongly advise having the garden as close to the house as possible. If the soil is at all baked and hard, loosen it up well and mix in some coal ashes and plenty of old, well-rotted manure—if necessary put on a top dressing of fine soil.

"It is well to have a definite plan as to what is to be planted and where when laying out the bed. Also hardy perennials give about the best all round satisfaction, and with a little care and forethought in selecting the seeds each year, one can soon have a nice collection at small cost.

"Pansies, Iceland Poppies, Perennial Phlox, Sweet Williams, Chinese Pinks, Perennial Larkspur, Hollyhocks, etc., are all easily grown from seed, and once established will do well for some years if kept free from weeds. A few roots of German Iris would be a good investment as they bloom early, are perfectly hardy and will do well almost any place. For a shady corner Periwinkle and Lilies of the Valley do nicely, while the native fern will grow even if tucked in behind a rain barrel. Peonies and a few hardy rose bushes should also be got—they multiply rapidly and look well even when not in bloom. No garden is complete without some beds of annuals, so plenty of room should be allowed for Mignonette, Petunias, Snapdragons (the giant white are lovely and bloom till hard frost), also Nasturtiums and Asters. Sweet peas could be planted where they would climb up the poultry netting fence—for our garden must have a fence.

"Like everything else, it takes a certain amount of time and patience to get things in shape, but from the very start a garden is most fascinating and soon repays the time and trouble spent.

"It has been said: 'Everyone is the better for having a hobby' and when that hobby takes the shape of a sweet and beautiful garden, one can hardly estimate the amount of good it may do. After a hard day's work what is more restful and soothing to tired nerves than a little while spent among the flowers, in the cool of the evening? Boys and girls if taught to love and care for their own little garden plots will be the better for it all their lives, and will look back with feelings of great tenderness and affection to the old garden 'at home.'

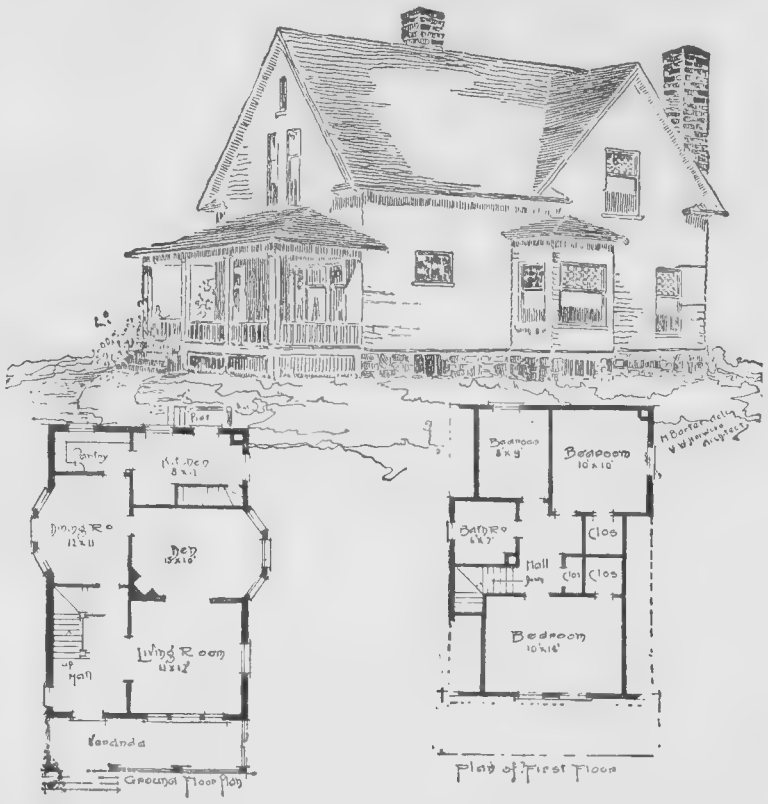
"Then again, a bunch of flowers can often be made the excuse for a friendly visit that otherwise might never be paid—and so on. Though small in themselves, these things all go to make farm life brighter and happier, therefore time spent in making a flower garden is time well spent, and now is the time to get out your seed catalogue and plan."

Letters to the Editor. The letters of this month have been a real inspiration to me. A long letter came

Original Plans.

Prepared especially for the Western Home Monthly, by V. W. Horwood Architect. Winnipeg.

For a small residence economy of space and arrangement is accomplished in this plan. On a lot of fifty feet this quaint home would adapt itself to almost any surrounding as the exterior is simple, inobtrusive and without excessive decorations. The projection of the cornice and the quiet shadow thrown by the veranda gives the character to the whole house. The plans are easily followed and the sizes are marked distinctly.



to me from Alva Como Ranch, Okotoks, which the writer stated was not for publication, but I am sure she will pardon this quotation from it. She says: "I wish you could see where we live, one of the prettiest places you can imagine on the flats of the Sheep River, surrounded by trees, a pretty bluff just near the house and big high bank that shuts us off from public view Most of my neighbors think they would die of loneliness down here, but I think it is just lovely, especially in the summer, and I wish all the tired office girls and all the other tired girls could bring their tents and camp beside me for a month; they would return to work many years younger, for it is an ideal place to rest. We have three children, two girls, nine and eleven, who are going to school and our "wee boy" as he calls himself, past three, playing out all day with his dogs and playmates."

I am sure this bit of a bright letter will give you, as it did me, a vision of a contented woman in a home made bright by her own cheerful spirit and with the truly hospitable desire to share it with others less fortunate.

"Marguerita," Rosser, Man., writes me: "I am pleased to know others appreciate this page of the Western Home Monthly as well as I. I was pleased to read the letter from our sister at Innisfail. I know you have many interested readers who do not say anything. We all have our quiet, thoughtful hours and when they come I think it does us so much good to have something like this page to turn to for a few minutes, something which brings before us the serious part of life."

Accompanying this letter was a beautiful poem entitled, "What Does It Mean," which will be published in order.

From A. C., Culham P. O., Alberta, I was surprised to get a brief letter in which I was addressed as "Dear Sir." I am not a "Dear Sir;" far from it. I am a woman and I fondly hoped my page was distinctly womanly if not ultra feminine. However, the writer sent me two choice bits of verse which I am glad to have for publication.

The following is the letter from the friend whose favorite poem runs this month, and I am very glad to note what she says about book reviews, as I have often wondered if my readers cared for them.

" Brookside Ranch, Alberta.—In reading your page in the Christmas number I see you say only three wrote you their appreciation last year, so I will not put off a moment longer. I know we all enjoy reading your paragraphs and know, too, how much easier things go if you are not left working in the dark. For my part, I like best your reviews of books, for we women far in the country, without access to libraries or bookstores are often at a loss to know what books are worth buying, especially when we can afford but few. As gardening is one of my chief delights any remarks under that head are very welcome. We are very fond of experimenting and take great pride in our garden.—F. M. H.'"

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Ruberoid Colored Roofing Decision.

It is now unlawful to use any colored, except by painting, "flexible weatherproof prepared roofiings" other than that made by the Standard Paint Company, New York. This is the sum of the decision, January 24, 1910, by Judge Ray, of the U.S. Circuit Court. This decision, about 10,000 words, is such a minute examination of the history of materials and processes that it is near to being a treatise on the art of roof-making. The two patents on colored Ruberoid, dated November 22, 1904, cover both the product and the process by which it is made. Both of these general claims are upheld with an enthusiasm born of exhaustive study.

"The process pointed out in the patent which varies from the prior art was successful. The prior art was not. All the constituent elements of a product, a new article of manufacture, may be old, as of course these were, but this product as a complete article of manufacture was new, and it was better than any that had gone before. I think the evidence establishes that the first successful colored roofing upon the market was this colored Roberoid made in accordnace with the claims of the patents in suit. They are pleasing and attractive in appearance to those who desire a colored roof and who use a roof of this character. It is shown that these roofings are durable and serviceable, and that the coloring is permanent."

This colored roofing is also protected by patents in Canada by the Standard Paint Company of Canada Limited and manufactured by them at Montreal.

THE MONTH'S BRIGHT SAYINGS.

Rev. Dr. Aked: Every face is a history or a prophecy.

Lord Strathcona: The man who works in Canada cannot fail.

Thomas A. Edison: There are about forty different ways to do everything in the world, but only one right way.

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Mark Twain: If only those people who made wars were allowed to fight the world would be a peaceful place.

Henry James: We crowd much more into our lives than our grandfathers did. Whether or no it is good for us is another matter.

Lloyd George: A few years ago I met in Cornwall a man aged 84. Among his recipes for old age is never to cross a bridge until one comes to it.

Police Magistrate Daly: It is a great relief to a man to tell the truth. I have seen people get happier immediately they have made a clean breast of things.

Andrew Carnegie: In Scotland shepherds and ploughmen are as intellectually equipped as those who are engaged in what may be called the more intellectual occupations.

Dr. Osler: Before vice can fasten on a man, body, mind or moral nature must be debilitated. The mosses and fungi gather on sickly trees, not thriving ones; and the odious parasites which fasten on the human frame choose that which is already enfeebled.

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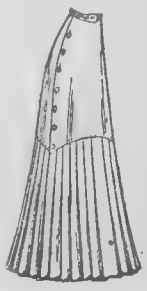

Send to-day for this Skirt. It is a $6 all wool Panama Skirt. It comes in black, brown, navy, green, cream, and dark red; it is one of the new spring styles. It is the best. You will be pleased with it. Pleated all around and trimmed in fancy buttons on side and made generally just as pictured. Opened in back with inverted pleat; beautifully tailored, guaranteed to fit as perfectly as a skirt can fit; will give complete satisfaction in every way. Same style may be had in fine Luster, same shades as Panama above, $3; also in all wool Venetian, all shades, $3.98. Give waist and hip measure; also length of skirt desired. Order one of these wonderful skirt bargains to-day. Add 35c for postage. Order skirt No. 53. Standard Garment Co., 10 Coote Block, London, Ont.

"Canawella" Tea A Perfect Drink

What to Wear and When to Wear it.

Spring has come with such a rush the milliners are working day and night to meet the demand for spring hats. It is not often than an early Easter brings such warm weather, and in the Canadian West there is always the desire of every woman to get into her summer clothes as quickly as possible and not lose an hour of time in wearing light garments and flower decked hats.

Hats

And what shall be said as to hats? Are they pretty or ugly? Becoming or trying? Large or small? Speaking generally, I think the hats are prettier and more universally becoming than they were last year. There are possibly more extreme hats than any that have appeared in previous seasons, but on the other hand there are a greater number of moderate sized and graceful shapes. Only a desire to be outre need tempt a woman to deck herself in what looks like an inverted umbrella.

Turbans

For the early part of the season turbans are the leaders, and the term turban really covers quite a variety of shapes, both in size, height and curved or straight brim. These shapes are all comfortable on the head and very generally becoming. Next to the turbans come the tri-corns and bi-corns, and many of these are comparatively small; and they also fit snugly and stay in place without veils.

Materials

The materials of which the tailored hats are made are mainly fancy braids, of which the tagle braid is the leader. It is pretty, very light in weight and so flexible that it lends itself easily to almost any method of treatment. It is very decorative, and a wing and a rosette of ribbon and a fancy buckle are all that is necessary by way of trimming on a hat of this kind.

Flowers, however, are one of the leading materials for the making of hats, and the all-flower turban is one of the prettiest things imaginable. What is more, with a proper shape it can be made at home at a comparatively small cost. Roses, poppies, violets, orchids, buttercups and indeed all the smaller flowers are used in this way, and frequently there is a combination of two or three in one of the flower turbans. Personally, I do not think the mixture in good taste, but a hat of roses or poppies is a work of art and a thing of joy. With many of the smaller flowers tulle of the same or contrasting shade is employed and is frequently arranged in large fluffy bows standing high at one side of the hat. One model noticed was a straight round turban with a brim of dark red poppies, a crown of tulle of a lighter shade and aigrette bows of the tulle combining three shades of the red. All red hats, by the way, are quite a feature.

In the large models, many of which are gracefully curved at side or back, the leghorn and tuscan are the leading materials, and in addition to the natural leghorn there is a shade between putty and cream that combines especially well with decorations of the new aeroplane and Parisian blues. White chip hats covered with chantilly lace either in black or white and hats of all-over lace in both black and white are also popular among the larger models.

Colors

There are many new shades this season, and more new names for old shades. Chanticler red is the leader in that shade and an exquisite color it is, being a deep cherry with a sort of blue bloom on it. Bows of velvet of this shade are most effective on a hat of black Chantilly lace over white chip. Among the greens are reseda, sage, mignonette, mullein and sea weed. In the more neutral shades are manilla, sweetgrass, grey bronze, pongee, old gold and bronze. Then there are the lovely rose shades, old rose, ashes of roses, cedar and nutmeg rose. The violet shades, old violet, lavender, ashes of violet, ashes of iris and dark and light heliotrope. Wood browns, tobacco and cedar browns are all good. It will be seen from this that the range of color is large and gives scope for all complexions and colors of hair.

The Human Side of Twine.

When we drive home from the implement dealer with our little load of Sisal twine for the coming harvest, we do not often realize that we are giving that twine its final lift on the journey of many thousand miles which it has taken months to make. Seldom do we appreciate when we give it its final resting place in the binder box that the first hands which touched it were those of a Maya boy or girl in far off tropical Yucatan whose ancestors were a great civilized people, with temples and literature, centuries before Columbus came ashore in his red velvet suit.

Or, if it is Manila twine the first step in its long pilgrimage was under the guidance of a bare-footed, brown-skinned little Filippino savage, who perhaps had never heard of a binder, and whose views of agricultural implements are a pointed stone or a crooked stick.

Yet, if it were not for the industry of these two widely separated nations, the farmers of this rich state would still be obliged to bind their grain with old-fashioned wire, which never worked, or with untrustworthy cotton strand. In fact, the problem of twine was the problem of successful binding for years after the self-binder was an established fact.

It took many years and thousands of dollars to eliminate this primary out of the country. One manufacturer alone spent $15,000 trying to make twine out of grass, $35,000 using paper as a substitute, and $43,000 on straw—all in the end to be discarded as unsatisfactory. Then, after searching the world with a close tooth rake, as it were, it was found that two fibres could be made to do the work—Manila and Sisal. The Manila—long, soft and even—had generally been used in multiple strands for making cable and cordage; while the Sisal—strong, pliable and smooth—was found to lend itself perfectly for the manufacture of a single-strand cord, such as the self-binder necessitated.

Then commenced a merry struggle between the distant races for the honor of supplying the twine which was to make His Majesty, the American farmer, the greatest food producer in the world. At first, owing to the established position of the Manila hemp trade caused by the cordage industry, the little brown brother in the Philippines forged ahead, but he made no progress in his methods of production, using the knife and block and other simple methods followed by his primitive forefathers in extracting the fibre. It was soon seen that Sisal would either be the ultimate material to supply this demand or the demand would not be filled. At this point of the race a number of clever, aggressive Yucatecans, educated in the sciences in this country and abroad, sprang into the game. They saw the future commercial possibilities of the neglected Sisal plant. At their own expense they built railroads into the arid, dry territories where henequen grew. They invented new machines, capable of cleaning 100,000 leaves a day, and soon began to compete on an equal basis with the Manila fibre.

The Spanish-American war temporarily advanced the price of Manila fibre to such an extent that good grades of Manila fibre commanded a price which was practically prohibitive for binder twine. Therefore, manufacturers of binder twine concentrated their energy and genius in the production of a perfect binder twine from Sisal. This required some adjustment of machinery and some change in methods, but manufacturers of twine succeeded so that the twine made from Sisal has for some years been as perfect and satisfactory as any binder twine ever made from any material. This has resulted in the increased use of Sisal, until during the past season not less than 85 percent. and possibly 90 per cent. of the material which went into the manufacture of binder twine in the United States was Sisal fibre.

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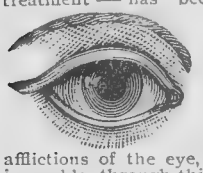

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Woman and the Home.

When Dafodils Begin to Peep.

When dafodills begin to peep
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Why, then comes in the sweet o' the year;
For the red blood reigns in the winter's pale.

Shakespeare.

The Mother's Sheaves.

My life is so narrow, so uarrow; environed by four walls;
And ever across my threshold the shadow of duty falls.
My eyes wander off to the hilltops, but ever my heart stoops down
In a passion of love to the babies that helplessly cling to my gown.
In the light of the new day dawning I see an Evangel stand,
And to the fields that are ripe for the harvest I am lured by a beckoning hand,
But I have no place with the reapers, no part in the soul-stirring strife,
I must hover my babes on the hearthstone and teach them the lessons of life.

I must answer their eager question with God-given words of truth;
I must guide them in ways of wisdom thru childhood and early youth,
I must nourish their souls and their bodies with infinite, watchful care;
Take thought of the loaves and the fishes and the raiment that they must wear.

But at night when lessons are over and I cuddle each sleepy head;
When the questions are asked and answered, and the last little prayer is said,
When the fruitless unrest has vanished that fretted my soul thru the day,
Then I kneel in the midst of my children and humbly and thankfully pray.

"Dear Lord when I stand with the reapers before Thee at set of the sun,
When the sheaves of the harvest are garned, and life and its labor is done,
I shall lay at Thy feet these my children, to my heart and my garments they cling;
I may not go forth with the reapers, and these are the sheaves that I bring."

—Unknown.

Teaching Children to Play.

If mothers would take the time they spend in telling their children to "run away,' 'or "not to do that," or to "leave that alone," in showing their children how to play and what to play with, they would find the results not only astounding, but gratifying. Ten minutes' insturction of a new play or occupation would mean hours of quiet and happy pleasure for the children, and rest and freedom for the mother. Play is the child's work, and he should be shown the way to make the best use of it. More grows out of play than we are apt to realize. If the nursery is untidy the future mother's house or father's office will be the same. If the play is destructive, and results in the multiplication of many toys, the little men and women will be careless of beautiful books, pictures and bric-a-brac in later years. Teach them how to play properly, and they will soon learn how to work properly.

For the young child, the little tot of two or three, big toys are the best; the larger muscles of the arm develop before the smaller and more delicate ones of the hand and wrist. A big basket, a foot-ball, a large block of carefully planed wood which he can drag from place to place, taxing his little strength, and tugging at it, enjoying the having something big to play with, will make a a child's muscles grow and develop unconsciously.

For the older children the plays and occupations are endless. Outdoor plays are, of course, always preferred; indeed children should be encouraged to play in the open air by being given every opportunity to do so. But here, also, let there be some definite object in view.

Every child should, if possible, have a garden, no matter how small. The child will be more interested in flowers growing from seeds than in transplanted ones. More, too will be learned in the former way. Teach him to water, weed and care for the little garden; perhaps he will tire of it soon, but do not grown-up people often tire of their occupations? A great amount of interest and enthusiasm on the mother's part will be necessary to keep the little gardener interested, but here again a definite plan will help; let the child send his flowers to a little sick companion, a city friend, or a flowerless playmate; encourage him in giving his flowers generously. Later, let the seeds be gathered, put in envelopes, neatly labeled, and placed in the "seed-box" for next summer. If the child feels his work is not in vain he will enjoy it twice as much. If living in the country, encourage the children to gather chickweed for their or their friend's canary birds, milkweed pods to stuff a pillow for dolly, acorn-cups to be strung in the winter twilight, corncobs for dollies. Many other outdoor interests will be found if the mother will only look around her and help her little children in their restless endeavors.

On warm days, when the children seem listless and peevish, and fall so easily into mischief, put a washtub of water in the back yard, roll up their slevees, and let thm play freely. In ten minutes or so take off their wet clothes, and give them a rub down.

Indoor occupations are many. Scissors and paste are sources of endless amusement, scrapbooks may be made, and long chains of colored rings for the Christmas tree or to decorate the nursery on some festive occasion; a circus may be cut out freehand with little instruc-

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tions. The cutting out of paper dolls, dishes, materials for a store, an army of soldiers, hats, aprons, characters from fairy stories, and borders or patterns will afford endless amusement.

Blocks are always favorite playthings for children. Cities may be built, doll houses, forts, farms, a zoological garden, a fairy palace, a river with wharves, and boats plying up and down. The favorite of all, perhaps ,is a big city, with an earthquake, generally a lot of dancing children, to knock it down as soon as it is built.

Painting is a much-loved pastime. Christmas and birthday cards may be made, a family of paper dolls or a scrap book may be colored. Tracing is also popular, and mounting leaves on cards and glazing them. Stringing beads, buttons, cones, anything of the sort, is much enjoyed.

The suggestions here given are meant to save the mother's time and energy. Give the materials to the little ones, and explain and start the play, and let the children elaborate it or not, as they wish. Look into the nursery from time to time, encourage the little workers with a smile and a hearty "that's good." Praise freely and be interested. The children will play by the hour, and the mother will gain time for her own work and amusement, knowing that her children are safe and happy.

Other plays will grow out of these and much happiness will follow. The little acorn of tact and patience on the mother's part will sprout into a big tree of safe playing, happy industry and healthy content on the part of her children, and there will be no results but good ones.

What is Life.

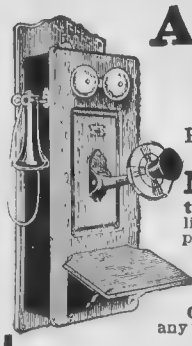
Men have a much better appreciation of the simple blessings of life than women have. They set the proper value upon the functions of the senses, upon good health and food and plain conjugal joys.

Women like to call this simple content with life man's coarseness; but no, it is man's genius, his nearness to the working of great Nature that makes him thus, and women would do well to cease their fretting after little worldly possessions and achievements, and acquire the habit of allowing life to be as dear to them as it wishes to be, and as it will be when they understand.

We are wont to say of the country woman who has never been out of her native State, and seldom seen a theatre or a street car, that she has seldom seen little of life. I challenge this statement. I say that the woman who was born in the city, educated in a woman's college, sent abroad in the conventional fashion and married suitably at the proper time, has seen little of life. I say that many such women live and die without seeing life or knowing in any sense what life is.

While its narrow round is sounding its brass and tinkling its cymbal, life is going fiercely on, down in the narrow street where the struggle for bread out in the barn-yard where the feathered folks are stirring to spring industries and the patient beasts are waiting our demands.

It is the woman who has walked across the fields on a wild winter night to help a sister woman in her hour of trial, the woman who has dressed the new-born baby, and composed the limbs of the dead, learned the rude surgery of the farm, harnessed horses, milked cows, carried young lambs into the kitchen to save them from perishing in the rough March weather—it is she who has seen life.



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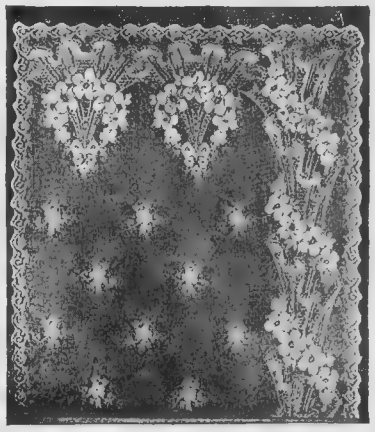

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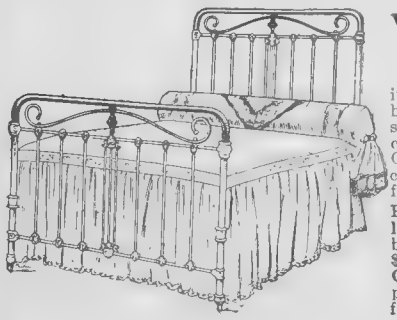

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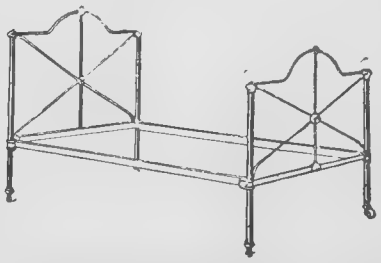

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How the World Looks to the Short-Sighted.

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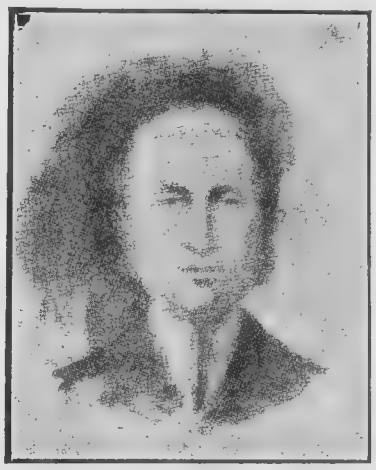
becoming blush, white hairs resolving themselves pleasantly into high lights. The world ages ten years all round when the oculist permits us (he does not always do so) to assume glasses which bring us up to the normal, for wrinkles, unless large, do not usually exist for us, the oldest man having often a boyish look which vanishes when spectacles are donned. All the little blemishes of complexion and feature resolve themselves into nothing. Short-sight is the true magic juice which causes us to see "Helen's beauty in a brow of Egypt."

A face as seen by ordinary sight.



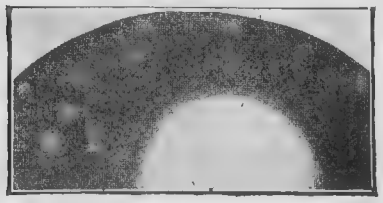
The same face as seen by the short-sighted.

The skyscape again has peculiarities of its own. For some reason or other the sky is always nearer to a short-sighted person than to his normal-sighted brother, the clouds being, however, less well defined. Again, the stars, which to you are twinkling spots of light, buried deep in the azure, to us are shining circles like silver tables, This is due to the convergence of the rays of light, which seem to run together till they form a solid wheel. For the same reason the moon is huge. What it gains in size, however, it loses in distinctness, for it has neither outline nor "face."

I have already mentioned that the myopic tendency is to see everything larger, though more blurred, than is the case in ordinary vision. Going suddenly into proper glasses, one notices this idiosyncrasy very particularly. A shilling, for instance, will at first look like a rather large sixpense; while as regards the threepenny-bit, one simply wonders what it has done to itself. At the same time, though small, those coins are more distinct than heretofore.

With the donning of glasses again objects become clearer yet a little more distant. The world. as it were, takes a step backward from us. Pavement and floor are farther off, and getting downstairs is at first a giddy task. The tube stairs, by the way, are specially trying to the myopic because of the metal at the end of each, which confuses one as to the real length of the step, shadow and substance interchanging as we feel our way to the lift.

Though spectacles were not used in Europe till the fifteenth century, short-



The moon and stars as they appear to the short-sighted beholder.

sight was commoner than is usually believed among ancient nations. Nero had his eyeglass for the Coliseum, though he did not dangle it by a piece of ribbon, but ordinary mortals evidently endured their affliction without remedy.

There is a common notion that short-sighted persons enjoy the compensation of long sight in old age. This, however, is not the case. True myopia tends to increase with the years, and its victims are warned to put off the donning of the strongest glasses as long as possible. The trouble is caused by a defect in the shape of the retina. Forty years ago an experimenter promulgated the theory of a cure by pressing the eyeball into shape by some mechanical arrangement. Four years ago a London doctor wished to correct the fault by manipulation, but so far there is no news of any successful tests, and it is unlikely that the short-sighted will ever enter the real world save by the way of eyeglass or spectacles, as now.

Dawn,

Falls the quiet gloaming,
  Greyer grows the lea;
Grey the silent moorland,
  Greyer still the sea.
Sunset hues departed
  From the western sky;
O'er the hills the shadows
  Of the daylight die.

Falls the night of sorrow
  Weary grows the heart;
Loving ones and tender
  Forced by death to part.
Weeping sad and bitter,
  Fill the days with gloom;
Hopeless heart, and breaking,
  Long for the tomb.

Dawns the golden morning,
  Bright the eastern sky;
On the sea and meadow
  Sunlight glories lie.
Tipped the hills with splendor,
  Gold the rustling corn;
Bursts of joyous gladness
  Herald in the dawn.

Ends the night of weeping,
  Dawns the morn of peace;
Gone the bitter sorrow,
  Hopeless yearnings cease,
Through the glowing furnace
  Of a living pain,
Faith and Hope awakened
  In the heart again.

—Walter A. Locks.

Joy and Grief.

Oh, deem not they are blest alone
  Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power that pities man has shown
  A blessing for the eyes that weep.

There is a day of sunny rest
  For every dark and troubled night;
And grief may bide an evening guest,
  But joy shall come with early light.

The Ideal.

It is no easy matter to keep hold of an ideal; it slips away amidst the excitements of society and the preoccupations of business; it is compromised amidst the onsets of temptation and the accesses of passion; but it must be recaptured and set up as the signal and standard of everyone who has not abandoned the struggle for a life which is more than mere existence.
—James Stalker, D.D.

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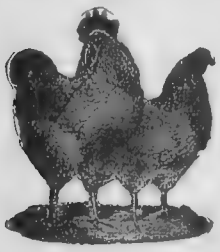

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Sunday Afternoon.

When the gray year plods down
  Toward the end of the hill,
Where the white little town
  Lies asleep, wonder-still,
Then he mends his dull pace,
  For a ray, streaming far,
Strikes a gleam on his face
  From the Inn of the Star.

Then the staff is set by,
  And the moon shon from his feet,
And the burden let lie,
  And he sitteth at meat;
Old jests round the board,
  Old songs round the blaze,
While the faint bells accord
  Like the souls of old days.

In the sweet bed of peace
  He shall sleep for a night,
And faith, like a fleece,
  Lap him kindly and light;
Then the wind, crooning wild,
  Mystic music shall seem,
And the brow of the Child
  Be a light through his dream.

And we, too, follow down
  The long slope of the hill:
See, the white little town,
  Where it shines, wonder-still!
Be our hopes quenched or bright,
  Be our griefs what they are,
We shall sojourn a night
  At the Inn of the Star.

Prayer.

Almighty God, the heart of man is stubborn, his eyes are blind, and his will has strayed away in deserts and foreign lands. Oh that some mighty one might be sent to us to speak the right word in the right tone, to hurl upon us the great thunder, or speak to our aching hearts in the still, small voice—anyhow, that we may see and feel the living God. Thou art in our life; Thou are giving it shape and tone and color and meaning; Thou art raising up men and putting down men, and altering the face of the earth; and behold we wonder, but seldom pray. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes, but our hearts do not receive the revelation with openness and frankness and joy. May his Spirit be in us, and may we be led from the doctrine to the sacrifice, from the infinite gospel to the infinite atonement, which is its very centre and glory; may we be led to the cross of Christ, symbol of misery and weakness, and yet made into the symbol of immortal victory and eternal rest.

An Old-Time Easter Carol.

The world keeps Easter Day,
  And Easter larks are singing,
And Easter flowers are blooming gay,
  And Easter buds are springing.
The Lord of all things lives anew,
And all his works are rising too.

There stood three Marys by the tomb
  On Easter morning early,
When day had scarcely chased the gloom
  And dew was white and pearly;
With loving but with erring mind
They came, the Prince of Life to find.

But earlier still, the angel sped
  His news of comfort giving;
And "Why," he said, "among the dead
  Thus seek ye for the living?
Go tell them all and make them blest:
Tell Peter first and then the rest."

But one, and one alone, remained,
  With love that could not vary;
And thus a joy past joy she gained,
  That sometime sinner, Mary;
First was she the dear Form to see
Of Him Who died on Calvary.

The world itself keeps Easter Day,
  Saint Joseph's star is beaming,
Saint Alice has her primrose gay,
  Saint George's bells are gleaming,
The Lord hath risen, as all things tell;
Good Christians, see ye rise as well.

Only a Song.

It was only a song that the maiden sang
With a thoughtless tone, yet the echo rang
In the heart of the lad. Like a pure white hand,
It guided him over sea and land.

Only an old, old-fashioned hymn,
Sung in the twlight gray and dim,
By mother's side or on father's knee;
Yet time cannot blot it from memory,

Only a song from the lips of one
Whose mission is past, whose brief life is done—
A simple song, and yet, after all,
I never can sing it but tears will fall.

Brief as a song in this life of ours,
Fleeting as sunshine and frail as the flowers;
Then sing, my heart! oh, sing and be strong!
Thou shalt one day join in the "New, New Song."

A Chance Song.

Thirty men, red-eyed and dishevelled, lined up before the Magistrate at the police court of a city. It was the regular morning company of "drunks and disorderlies." Some were old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down, a strange thing happened. A strong, clear voice from below began singing:

"Last night I lay a-sleeping,
There came a dream so fair."

Last night! ! It had been for them all a nightmare or a drunken stupor. The song was such a contrast to the horrible fact that no one could fail to get a sudden shock at the thought of the song suggested.

I stood in old Jerusalem,
Beside the temple there."

the song went on. The Magistrate had paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company, known all over the country, was awaiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell.

Meantime the song went on, and every man in the line showed emotion. One or two dropped on their knees; one boy at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed, "O mother, mother!"

The sobs, cutting to the very heart the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the court-room, blended in the hush. At length one man protested.

"Sir," said he, "have we got to submit to this? We're here to take our punishment, but this——" He, too, began to sob.

It was imposible to proceed with the business of the Court, yet the Magistrate give no order to stop the song. The police sergeant, after a surprised effort to keep the men in line, stepped back, and waited with the rest. The song moved on to its climax:

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for ever more!"

In an ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was silence:

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not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sent to prison that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could have accomplished.

Mother of the Trained Nurse.

Miss Florence Nightingale, who celebrated her 83rd birthday a short time ago, constantly receives gifts of fruit and flowers which remind her as she lies in bed or on her invalid chair that she is not forgotten.

The name of Florence Nightingale, it is safe to say, never will be forgotten. She is the mother of the trained nurse, and the story of her heroic service on the battlefields of the Crimea will be an inspiration to women for all time, Sir Robert Rawlson, the engineer sent out by the Government to investigate the condition of the hostipals at Sebastopol and Scutari, declared that if the people of England could have seen these places they would have torn the Government to pieces; but Florence Nightingale lived among these scenes by day and night, battling with disease which was killing men like flies.

In these beds of fever and discomfort the Lady with the Lamp came like an angel from the skies. When the war was over some soldiers at a banquet in London were asked to write down the name which had most endeared itself to them in connection with it, and when the papers were collected there was only one name on them all—Florence Nightingale. Queen Victoria proposed her health in a toast, and the people of England gave her a fortune, which she gave them back again in the form of a training school for nurses.

"Why?"

Mr. Harold Spender, the Alpine climber, in his book on the High Pryeness, tells of an unexpected climax to one of his feats.

With two companions he had scaled one of the most difficult peaks, and, descending, found refuge from the storm and night in the chalet of a goatherd. The three men, half frozen, and exhausted with the long and terrible strain, but glowing with triumph, crouched before the fire.

The goatherd's wife, a dull old woman, stood looking at them silently for a while, and then pronounced a single word:—

"Pourquci?" (Why?)

Mr. Spender declares that he and his companions looked at each other with an expression of surprise on each face. They had risked health and strength and life itself. "Why?" What had they gained?

There was no answer. The one word struck like a blank wall across their consciousness of useless struggle and suffering and danger.

There are other heights in the world besides those in the Alps, which men try to scale to as little purpose, barren heights at the top of which is neither profit nor honor.

It Struck Home.

It is related of an old woman in Dr. Todd's famous church, who kept a small grocery shop, that she was dishonest in her dealings with the few townspeople who bought of her. One Sunday Dr. Todd preached a powerful sermon from the text "False weights are an abomination unto the Lord." The old woman was very much roused by this sermon. She was trying to tell an old acquaintance about it.

"A very wonderful discourse, Maggie, Ah, but he came down upon the sinners. It would ha' done your heart good to hear him .

"What was the sermon about? What was the text?"

"Ah, I cannot remember the text. But it was about weights and measures and groceries and balances."

"But what was the subject? What was the theme of his discourse?"

"O! the theme! I don't know. But this I do know, Maggie; I went right home and burned my half-bushel!"

The Lad with the Loaves and Fishes

It is said that once the great musical conductor, Sir Michael Costa, was leading a rehearsal .There was a multitude of players, and off in a far corner a man with a piccolo. Said the man to himself, "With all this tumult of organs and drums and trumpets and cymbals, it makes no difference what I do," so he stopped. Immediately Costa threw up his hands and ordered silence. "Where is the piccolo?" he cried.

Ah, the child may have only a small part to play in the great world-orchestra, but

The Conductor has a Quick Ear.

He misses the least note that should be in the music, and is not. May we not believe that the great miracle of the loaves and fishes would have been spoiled for the Master if that small boy had not cheerfully given up his meagre lunch?

But we must not be too sure that the child's part is small. Certainly it was not a small part in that miracle. When Hell Gate was blown up, and that formidable obstruction to New York's commerce was in an instant removed, that instant represented not only the work of hundreds of strong men for many months, but also the touch of a little child's finger upon an electric key. Not seldom is a child found at the electric focus of life, ready and able to set in motion forces infinitely stronger than itself is.

That is one reason why the right training of a child is such a great thing. A lovely story is told of a woman nearly a century old, who lay dying, and as she lay there she kept asking, "Is it dark?" "Yes Janet, it is midnight. "Are all the children in?" Years ago her children, grown up, had preceded her to the spirit world, but she imagined them back again, and died with

The Question of Motherhood upon her Lips.

Ah, yes! "Are all the children in?" That is the question of questions; for if the children are brought into the fold, it will speedily be well with the whole round earth. As Jean Ingelow wrote:

Far better in its place the lowliest bird
Should sing aright to Him the lowliest song,
Than that a seraph strayed should take the word
And sing His glory wrong.

Yet, after all, the lad with the loaves and fishes did a little thing; he only gave away (perhaps sold—who knows?) the lunch that his mother had given him and his father had earned; and he got it back again in a few minutes. The great thing was done by our Lord in taking the child's little deed and magnifying it to cover the needs of five thousand persons.

That is only a token—writ large for all ages to note it—of how Christ is always

Ready to magnify Our Small Deeds

of obedience and self-sacrifice. His are the Midas fingers and turn all our dross to gold. Through all his life that boy must have rejoiced: "It was my lunch the Master used that glorious day!" And he is rejoicing over it even now, I hope, in Heaven.

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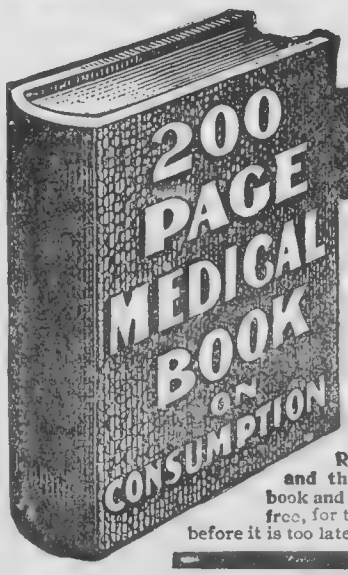

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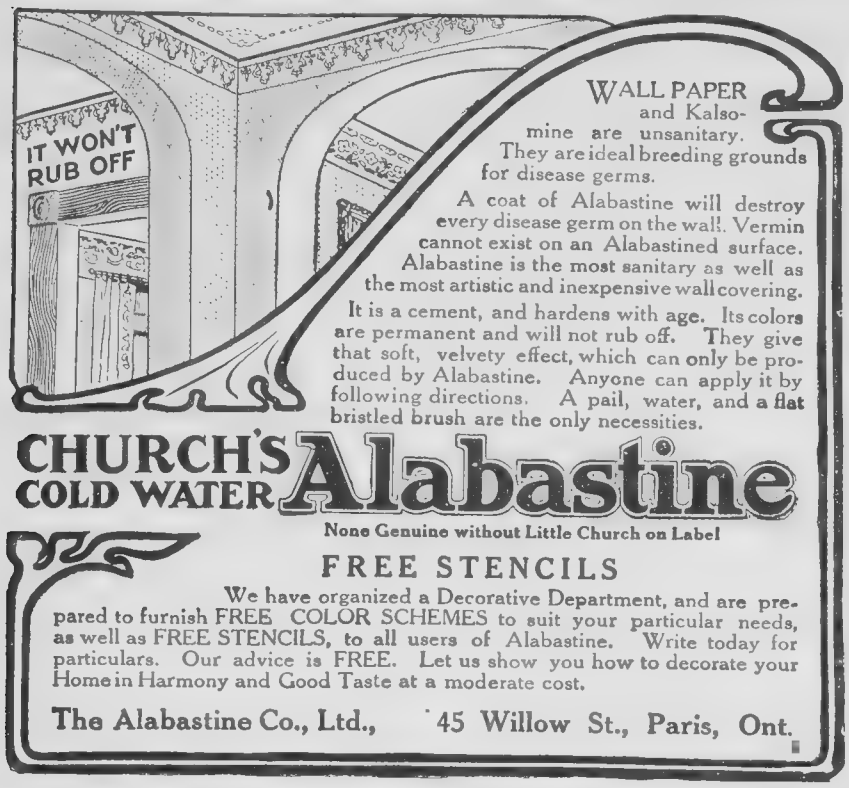

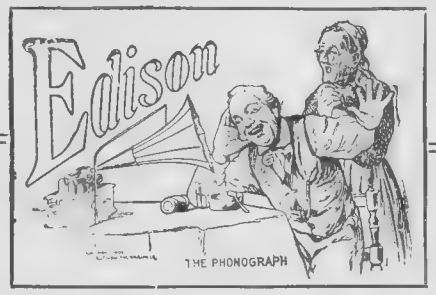

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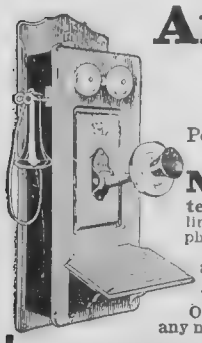

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For the medium size will be required 10½ yards of material 24, 8¾ yards 27, 7½ yards 32 or 5¾ yards 44 inches wide with 1 yard of all-over material for chemisette and cuffs, 16 yards of banding.

The pattern 6582 is cut in sizes for a 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

A FASHIONABLE GOWN OF LINEN.

Linen is being shown in a number of new weaves this season, and will be even more extensively worn than previously has been the case. Here is a gown made from one of the new weaves with trimming of embroidered banding. The same model will be found available for the chambrays and ginghams, for percales and, indeed, all washable fabrics adapted to so simple a style or sailor blouse can be used for thinner material and the plain gored skirt for a heavier one. The blouse can be made as illustrated or with the shield cut high at the neck and finished with a standing collar and the sleeves can be made in full or three-quarter length.

Two Patterns. Blouse 6577. Skirt 6578.

For the medium size will be required 4¼ yards of material 27 3½ yards of 2¼ yards 44 inches wide, 1½ yards of banding; for the skirt 7 yards 27, 6 yards 32, 4½ yards 44 for linen or other material without figure or nap, but if there is figure or nap 11 yards 27, 7½ yards 32 or 5¾ yards 44 inches wide will be necessary.

The blouse pattern 6577 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40 inch bust measure; the skirt pattern 6578 is cut in sizes for a 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inch waist measure.

A GRACEFUL EVENING GOWN.

Evening gowns are being made from all sorts of pretty thin materials. This one combines a simple waist with a skirt joined to a circular flounce, so giving the tunic effect, while in reality it is all in one. Chiffon cloth is the material and the trimming is one of the handsome bugle bandings that are so much liked, but this model can be utilized for every material that is thin enough to be made full successfully. With the yoke and long sleeves shown in the back view it becomes adapted to daytime wear. The skirt can be made short if better liked. The upper portion of the skirt is cut in three pieces and there is a tuck at the lower edge, beneath which the flounce is joined to it.

Two Patterns. Skirt 6567. Waist 6567.

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Dainty Dress Accessories.

The woman who loves pretty neckwear will be tempted to all manner of extravagances by the bewildering display of collars, ruffles, jabots, etc., now being shown in the shops, and these so pretty at first, are very perishable as they seldom stand laundering, and on the other hand these pretty trifles, if made of fine materials, and carry a touch of hand embroidery are so expensive to purchase, when one considers how many of these will be needed for the summer of 1910, as these dressy adjuncts are necessary to complete so many different costumes from the severe tailored coat suits which are softened and made so much more becoming by the ruffled jabot at the throat to the daintily embroidered coat collar and cuff sets of fine French Embroidery, combined with handsome Irish Crochet Motifs.

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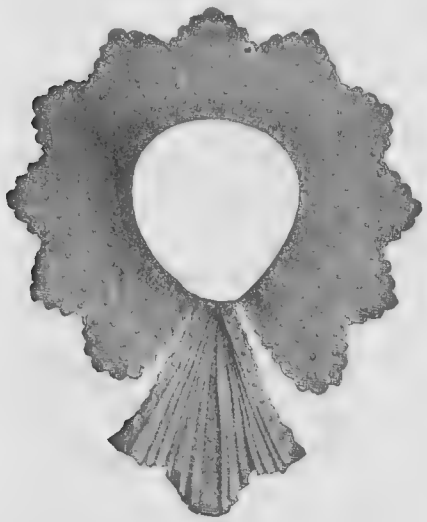

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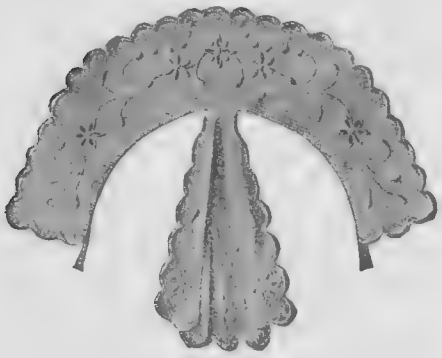

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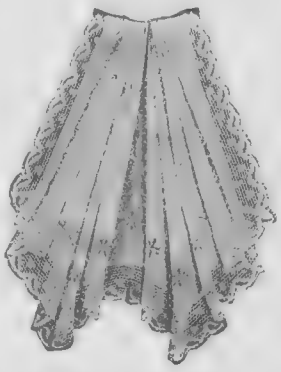
The Dutch Collars which are so cool looking and becoming to pretty girlish faces are again very fashionable, and jabots embroidered to match, complete these very effectively. The design No. 5375, illustrated on this page, shows an effective pattern of dots embroidered solidly in padded satin stitch, and the material used for this is a fine handkerchief linen, the dots being embroidered in white.

Coat collar and cuff sets embroidered on white linen would make an attractive gift sure of its welcome, and many dainty jabots, etc., can be made from left over scraps of linen, net and lace which may be found in the ever useful "piece bag."

The plain tailored waists which are so smart and the correct thing to wear with coat suits have a dressy touch given them by the hemstitched or embroidered ruffles of fine handkerchief linen, which to be in the best style must be hand-worked. One-sided effects are the most fashionable for these and embroidered turn-over collars are the suitable finish for these waist ruffles, and stylish little tabs are a smart finish for these. These are small and inconspicuous but give just the right touch to these collars.



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For a Simple, Palatable Breakfast.

The average person may take for breakfast a sub-acid fruit, such as a raw, baked, steamed or stewed apple, a ripe peach, a bunch of grapes or a very soft pear, followed by a bowl of well-cooked cereal with a little milk, a slice of whole wheat bread, and, if he has been accustomed to it, a cup of clear coffee, one-half heated milk. No other food is actually necessary—in fact, one might be better off with even a lighter meal. The heavy breakfast, quickly and carelessly eaten by the average family, brings about such diseases as come to the over-eaters—rheumatisim, gout, uric acid conditions and Bright's disease.

Hot Weather and the Baby.

One of the annoyances of the hot season is prickly heat. Keep the bady as cool as possible and as lightly dressed, but suit the dressing to the temperature of the weather. A little top garment put on in the cool of the morning and evening and removed when the day gets warmed up, is much better than light or heavy dressing to remain unchanged for all day. To allay the irritation, sponge with a solution of one teaspoonful of common baking soda in one pint of water, and keep the creases or folds of the little body and limbs clean, and dust with a little corn starch tied in a thin muslin. Do not use scented or medicated powders. When the flesh is damp with perspiration, a very little friction will tend to irritate it, and strict cleanliness, which is a preventative, is better than cure. If chafing is present to a pronounced degree, a very old-fashioned mutton tallow is one of the very best applications. Get a bit of the button fat from your butcher and try it out for yourself, thus knowing it is fresh and pure. Apply it freely, and as hot as can be comfortably borne; the relief is immediate. Be sure to keep the little body perfectly sweet and clean. A clean, healthy baby is one of the sweetest smelling things in the world; but a dirty baby—!

Let the baby sprawl and kick about as lightly dressed as is comfortable, but do not neglect to put on a thicker garment if the flesh "mottles," or gets blue.

Daytime or night-time, a hammock is a fine bed for the baby. Put as little in the hammock as may be when the day is very hot, as the baby will be more comfortable if the air circulates freely about the body, and the meshes of the hammock will not hurt the tender flesh through the clothing. Out doors in the shade, screen from flies; at night swing the hammock near the bed within reach, and if the windows and doors are not screened, throw a mosquito bar over the hammock to protect the baby. A thin quilt or mattress made for the crib may be laid in the hammock, and some light covering—a small blanket—should be within reach to spread over the child in case of a cool wave.

The Breathing Cure.

Not one in ten adults knows how to breathe. To breathe perfectly is to draw the breath in long, deep inhalations, slowly and regularly, so as to relieve the lower lungs of all noxious accumulations. Shallow breathing won't do this.

You can overcome nausea, headache, sleeplessness, seasickness and even more serious threatenings by simply going through a breathing exercise—pumping from the lower lungs, as it were, all the malarial inhalations of the day by long, slow, ample breaths. Try it before going to bed, making sure of standing where you can inhale pure air, and then darken your sleeping room completely. We live too much in an electric glare by night. If you still suffer from sleeplessness after this experiment, if fairly tried, you may be surprised.

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If You are Subject to Colds.

When one is subject to colds, sore throat, or bronchitis the daily morning sponging of the neck and chest with cold water, either plain water or with salt, will greatly strengthen the resistance. A cold morning sponge of the entire body has the same effect.

If your reaction is not good after a cold sponge try, before the bath, a brisk rubbing with mitts made of Turkish toweling. After your skin is in a perfect glow you will be ready for the cold water.

If you are hoarse a piece of borax the size of a pea dissolved in the mouth sometimes acts like magic. Especially is this the case in hoarseness due to a cold, and that of singers and public speakers. Another simple but effective remedy is tar. Over a teaspoonful of liquid tar pour a pint of boiling water. Put a cone of paper over the pitcher in which the tar-water is steaming and inhale the vapor through the open mouth. This may be used several times a day. Camphor or tincture of benzion may be used in the same way, but are not so effective as the tar. Inhalation of steam from a pitcher of boiling water is helpful.

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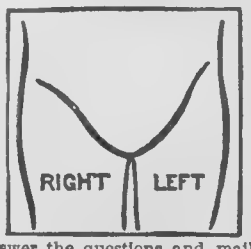

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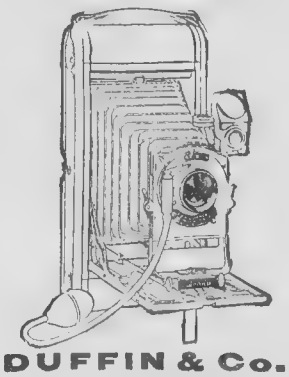

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often of advantage. The cold pack for the throat is very useful also. The patient should not use the voice at all.

If you fear bronchitis. If with the cough there is oppression over the chest and other symptons of heavy cold probably bronchitis exists. Then call a physician. Meantime, rubbing the chest with turpentine and sweet oil, one part of turpentine to two parts of oil, is often helpful. This may be too strong for some skins. A cotton jacket may be worn if the symptoms are severe. Soap liniment or "stimulating liniment" is excellent.

Here is one good" stimulating liniment." Tincture of capsicum, one ounce, ammonia water, ten per cent., one ounce; soap liniment, two ounces. This may be rubbed on a sore chest, but it is too strong to use on children. All such applications should be used carefully.

Another remedy is camphorated oil. Put a flannel cloth on a tin pie-plate, drop on the cloth camphorated oil until it is thoroughly moistened. Heat quickly in the oven and apply to the chest.

Sleeping Outdoors.

Many persons with the best will in the world to live in obedience to the laws of health, make a failure of the open-air night, of which one hears so much, and which is, in fact the chief dependence in the treatment of tuberculosis.

There are several reasons why the attempt to sleep outdoors, whether literally or in a wide-open room, results in failure. It is such a radical departure with so many persons that they do not have the first idea how to start it. A great many of them have at the back of their minds a sort of lingering impression that discomfort is a part of the treatment; that to become hardened one must be wretched, and that misery and virtue are boon companions. As comfort is not expected, there are no plans made to capture it. The would-be disciple of health simply throws up all the windows, gets into bed with the usual coverings, perhaps lies all night with the uncovered head in a direct draft of air, shivers in semi-wakefulness for hours and then on rising in the morning chilled and devitalized, perhaps coughing and sneezing, condemns the whole scheme as a snare, returns the next night to the closed-window plan, and launches himself upon society as the prophet of stuffiness.

This is all wrong, and a little thought will show why. If the night air is to be breathed as it comes straight from outside, as it should be, preparations must be made to welcome it, and a room in which the temperature is twenty degrees or thirty degrees Fahrenheit cannot be occupied in the same clothing as one kept at sixty degrees.

Down coverlets are invaluable for these cold fresh-air nights, for they are so light as they are warm. Many persons are averse to heavy bed-clothing, and they are right. Weight does not necessarily imply warmth, and it is foolish to use up vital force in holding up heavy weights during the hours consecrated to rest.

The sleeping garment itself should be of some light and warm material, preferably woolen. Special thought should be given to the protection of the head. People, at any rate in this part of the world, are not accustomed to going bare-headed in the open air, so there is really no reason why they should expect to do so with impunity for seven or eight hours in cold weather at night. A soft cap cut to cover the ears and to hang down the back of the neck should always be worn. This shape closes the little space between the cap and the bedclothes, and incidentally prevents many a stiff neck.

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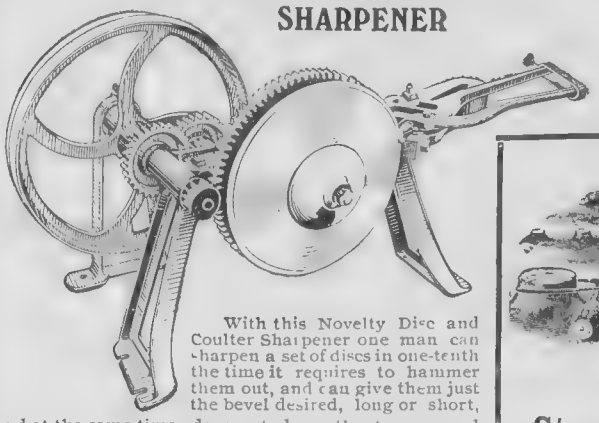

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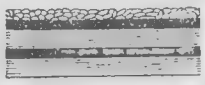

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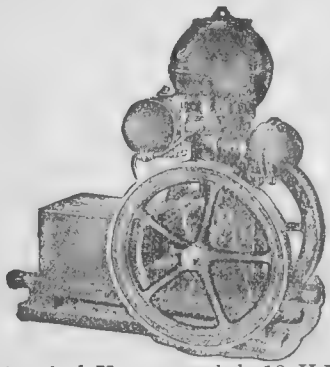

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The Useful Omelet.

The omelet, that daintiest and most quickly prepared of dishes, in which eggs go farther when they are dear and which offer an astonishing variety when they are cheap, solves most satisfactorily, to my mind, the question of "left-overs," since even the merest fragments of meat, vegetables, or fruit may serve as the "motif" for a delicious omelet. The last, unpresentable scraps of the boiled ham, a slice or two of fried ham, cold beef, mutton or fowl may be minced, seasoned and stirred directly into the eggs, or it may be heated with cream and a little thickening and spread upon the omelet just before it is folded. Fish may be used in either way, while a couple of sausages heated and rolled into the centre of an omelet gives it quite a different character. Try the vegetable omelet. A spoonful or two of peas or asparagus tips "left over" form the daintiest filling, while a tomato omelet with a dash of cayenne is most appetizing. So is the cheese omelet, in which are used, grated, the hard bits of cheese unsuitable for the table otherwise. The children will like the sweet omelet, which has added to the eggs a little sugar and cinnamon and is spread with that last spoonful of jam, jelly or preserves which is so often let to turn sour in the jar, because too small a portion for a dish in itself. All this is merely suggestive—try for yourself and see how wide the field is for experiment.

Baked Omelette

When you want to make a few eggs "go a long way" in serving a number of people, make a baked omelet. Beat four eggs very light, the yolks and whites separately. While doing this heat a quart of milk and add to it a heaping tablespoonful of corn starch dissolved in cold milk, then stir it into the warm milk, and then stir in the beaten eggs; add a pinch of salt, pour into a buttered baking dish and bake in a quick oven for twenty minutes. Serve hot, or it will "fall." This will be enough for four people.

Pare and core four good-sized apples, steam them until tender, press through a colander; add while hot a tablespoonful of butter, the yolks of four eggs, four tablespoonfuls of sugar and one cup of milk. Turn this into baking cups and bake for twenty minutes. Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff; add sugar, beat again, heap over the top of the cups; dust thickly with powdered sugar, and brown a moment in the oven. Serve cold.

To Cook an Egg for an Invalid.

Get an egg, as newly laid as possible, and beat the white and yolk separately, adding a teaspoonful of milk to the latter, and a pinch of salt to the white. Pour both into a cup or dariole mould which has been slightly buttered; stand it in a saucepan of boiling water, and stir it constantly until it becomes thick and rises up like creamy custard, but not allowing it to boil. If an oven is hot, the egg will be improved by being put into it for a minute. It can be served either in the cup or turned out on a piece of toast. If liked, a teaspoonful of pure meat-gravy or strong beef-tea might be beaten up with the yolk instead of the milk.

Custard Pie.

One pint of milk, 3 eggs well beaten, 3 tablespoonfuls sugar, little salt and grated nutmeg. Bake in undercrust. This makes one pie.

Cocoanut Custard Pie.

One pint milk, 2 eggs, ½ cup of sugar, 1 cup grated cocoanut, little grated nutmeg. Beat eggs and sugar together until light, add the milk, nutmeg and cocoanut. Bake in undercrust. This makes two pies.

Recipes for Little Girls.

Soft Ginger Bread.

For soft gingerbread take one cupful of baking molasses and stir well into it one teaspoonful of baking soda. Then add one-half cupful of milk, and a tablespoonful of melted butter. Have sifted together in another bowl two cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful ginger, and half a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Stir half of these dry ingredients into the molasses, add one well-beaten egg, and the balance of the flour. Stir the mixture thoroughly and pour into a buttered dripping pan, or muffin tins if preferred, and bake in a moderate oven from twenty to thirty minutes. It will taste particularly good if you will also put in (at the last moment) half a cupful of cleaned, dry currants that have been rolled about on a plate with a teaspoonful of flour.

And now about the oven! You had better ask mother or cook to get it just at the right temperature for you the first time, so you will know how it ought to be, but if you have it as hot as you can bear to hold your hand inside while you count twenty it will prove all right. Do not keep opening and closing the door, either. Wait ten minutes before peeping in the first time, then if your cake seems to be baking nicely close to the door gently and wait ten minutes more before looking again. The cake will shrink a little from the sides of the pan when it is done, and should be a delicate brown on top.

Cottage Pudding.

1 egg, 1 cup sugar, ¼ cupful milk, 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1 tablespoon butter (melted).

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Cracked Eggs.

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Cream of Celery Soup.

Cut three heads of celery into half-inch pieces, and cook in one quart of boiling water until soft, then mash in the water. Cook one dessertspoonful of chopped onions and one quart of milk in oatmeal boiler ten minutes, and add the celery. Rub through a strainer, and put on to boil again. Cook one tablespoonful each butter and flour together until smooth, and stir into the boiling soup one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-half saltspoonful of pepper. Boil five minutes, strain and serve.

Remove Soot from Carpet.

Never sweep fresh soot from the carpet, as the result is sure to be a disfiguring stain. Cover it quickly with fresh kitchen salt and then sweep it up. In this way all damage to the carpet is prevented.

Use Hot Water for Dampening Clothes

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Soups are naturally divided into two great classes; soups with stock, and soups without stocks. The former includes brown soup stock, bouillon, consomme, white soup stock and lamb stock; the latter, cream soups, purees bisques. It seems almost a waste of time to define each of these sub-classes. Of course bouillon must always be made of beef, as must brown stock soup. White soup stock must be made from chicken or veal, while consomme is made from two or three kinds of meat, usually beef, veal and fowl.

The essential ingredients for the seasoning of stock soups should always be kept on hand. The list, though of considerable length, contains only such things as are inexpensive and easily procured—turnips, carrots, celery, onions and parsley for vegetables; thyme, savory, marjoram and bay leaf for dried sweet herbs, and cloves, allspice berries and peppercorn for spices. Then, again, canned vegetables should always be in the house to draw on for soups when needed.

While on the subject of soup making I cannot refrain from recommending the use of cream soups and purees for the children's luncheon. They are valuable for the milk alone that they contain. I find that the average family is supplied with too little milk daily per capita.

Of the different meats used in soup making beef tea takes the highest rank for economy and general utility. It may be used alone or combined to advantage with other meats and every remnant of roasts or steaks should be saved to make stock for a soup or sauce. The best cuts of beef for soup making come from the fore or hind shin (which contain marrow bone), the middle cuts being most desirable. If the lower part of the shin is used, the soup, although rich in gelatin, lacks flavor unless a cheap piece of lean meat is used with it, a thing which I frequently do.

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Winks at the scare-crow tall,
Cries to his mate, "Caw, caw, don't wait,
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The workmen long for hills and vales
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Even the hay-field has a charm—
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And longed for city sights and sounds;
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Beside the shade the maples made
O'er that spring of clear, cold water?

The farmer's life we know is is hard—
Much toil and little gain—
But though hay-seed may dust his hair,
It cannot cloud his brain.
His work may wear his clothes, but help
To keep his manhood whole;
The dark, brown earth may soil his hands,
But cannot stain his soul;
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And sing in spring and fall,
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The Horse and His Driver.

One great and redeeming virtue in the man who has to do with horses is silence. If the man who built the temple in Jerusalem ever said a wise thing it was in reference to the keeping of the mouth shut—and everybody who has to do with horses will find that silence is veritably golden in their handling. A horse is a stupid beast at the best. To yell at him is merely to confuse him, and when a horse is rattled there is no knowing what he will do. This is nothing new, but once in a while it gets rubbed into one's inner consciousness in a manner that calls for some sort of protest. Your loud-mouthed teamster, who is perpetually yelling at his horses, is a nuisance pure and simple that should be abated in the police station if necessary. Any owner of a horse given over to some one else to drive should insist that the beast be spoken to decently.

The horse is a machine, capable of doing so much work if full-fed—capable of doing less, according to the manner of his feeding and the work he has to do. Underfeed him and overload him and you can soon tell how much he can, or rather can not, do. When he is underfed and overloaded the driver too often essays to make up the difference in yelling—and vociferousness is the poorest sort of horse-feed. While many folks may not agree with the statement that a horse is a stupid beast, the fact still remains that he is.

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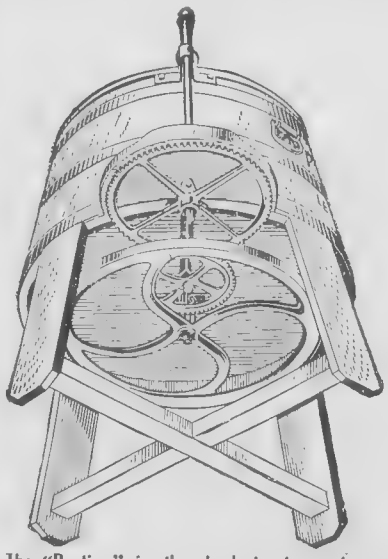

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Therefore the more quietly he may be treated the better he will work. The men who show horses best in the arena never utter a word. The greatest drivers are famous for their silence. It is unquestioned that Geers is the most expert driver on the harness turf today. He is called the "Silent Man from Tennessee." True horsemen know that the most supreme test a horse can possibly be put to is on the race track with weight up and when the contenders are coming down the stretch fighting for dear life for every step. Did any one ever hear Fred Archer, Garrison, McLaughlin or their like emit a sound? Not by any means. Those who have seen the most masterly efforts of these great riders have seen the spurs pushed home till the blood dripped red and have heard the quick rip-rip of the "bat" laid on in the effort to get home first, but in the tenseness of the combat no one on the storm deck of a race horse ever thought of "hollering," so long as he was an artist.

To farmers with their horses in the field doing such heavy work as cutting grain with the self-binder no better advice can be given than to insist that the teamster handle the horses silently. Reins are attached to bits for the purpose of directing horses. When oxen are used—driven without anything but the yoke—the word of mouth is necessary. At that, the very best drivers of cattle are among the most silent men.

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All this is derived from the fact that on a plot of ground adjoining that on which this writer lives work on a new building has been started. This necessitated the hauling of many loads of sand on to the spot. The weather has been very hot and horses insufficiently fed have been in hard case. On this particular piece of work the first few loads of sand drawn came easily enough, for the place of dumping was low. By and by it was hard for the horses to drag the load over sand already dumped to exactly where the foreman wanted it. The language resorted to by the teamsters stirred this writer to revolt. He ventured forth, called a halt, and flanked by a big bluecoat with a lieutenant's badge on his breast, superintended further operations. Every noisy teamster got a call that would astonish most men. In 19 loads dumped but three teamsters brought their horses up right, saying a soothing wod to the sweating beasts, and these were full fed, well groomed horses.

The Laws of Breeding.

There are certain laws of breeding by which breeds may be originated and perfected. Many of these laws may seem antagonistic, but in reality they are not. We know that there are two opposing principles in the moral nature—good and evil. There are two opposites in each twenty-four hours of time—night and day. There are two opposing seasons in each year—hot and cold. So that when there are two seemingly opposing laws of breeding, we should not reject either, or both, because there is a difference. The first of these two general laws is that like begets like. The second is the law of variation.

By the law that like produces like, is meant that the parents have the power to transmit their own characteristics to their offsprings. We know that the red hog will produce a red offspring; Galloway cattle will produce black calves; white parents will produce white children. In the enforcement of this law, prepotency plays an important part. By prepotency is meant the superior power one parent has over the other in determining the character of the offspring. Where the parents differ, the one which is the more prepotent will have the power to impress its characteristics upon the offspring. If the mother is the most potent, as is the case when the male horse is bred to the female ass, the offspring will resemble the mother. The hinny resembles the female ass in size, shape and general appearance. If the father is the more potent, the offspring will resemble him, as is generally the case when the Galloway bull is bred to the Polled Durham cow.

The same thing may be noted in people. One of the parents may have peculiar shaped cheek-bones or teeth, or the hair may be of a peculiar color. All of the children may have these peculiarities, simply because the parent possessing them is the more potent.

Generally the male animal is more prepotent than the female. For this reason the farmer is advised to purchase good males to head his herds and flocks. By so doing it is possible to grade up the herd to a state of excellency. Some breeds are more prepotent than others. Breed a Hereford to a Jersey and nine times in ten you will have an animal with the size of the Jersey. The Jersey is the more prepotent and impresses the Jersey characteristics upon the offspring. The Yorkshire and the Chester Whites are more prepotent than the Poland-China. It is not an uncommon sight to see an entire litter of white pigs with a Poland-China mother. Like begets like, but when the parents are unlike, the principle of prepotency is called upon to decide which one of the parents the offspring shall be like.

Understandingly the law that like begets like is very valuable in the breeding of all kinds of animals and fowls upon the farm. When the breeder selects two similar animals to be the foundation of his future herd or flock, and one or both of them are known to be prepotent, he may have every reason to expect offsprings exactly like the parents in every respect. If it becomes necessary to take one animal into the union which is not exactly like the standard of excellence, he can prevent any great variation by selecting one which is known to possess but

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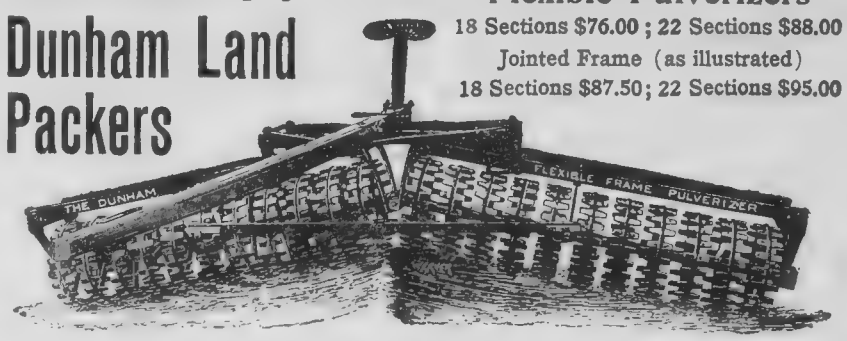

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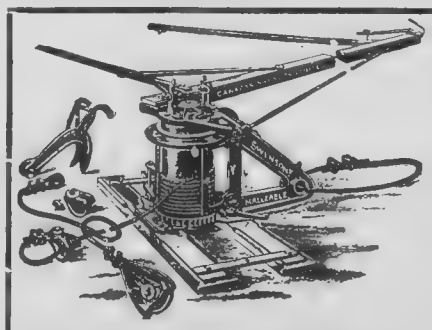

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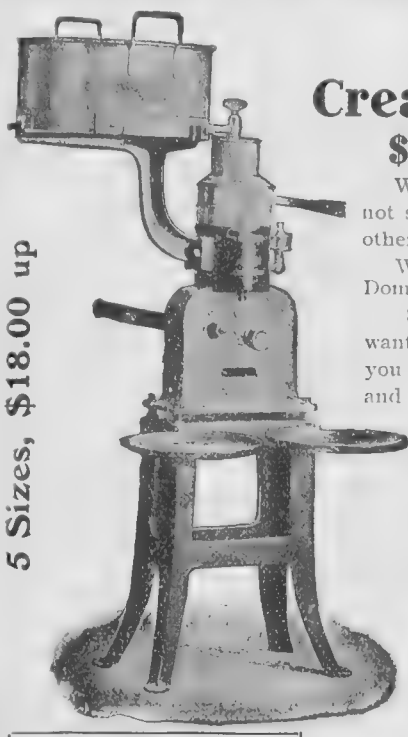

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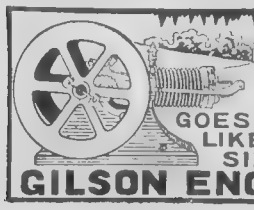

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little prepotency. In perfecting the different breeds of chickens, it sometimes becomes necessary to add a little foreign blood, by breeding to birds which are not like the type the breeder is trying to perfect. This is necessary to avoid too much in-breeding or in-and-in breeding. The breeder, understanding the part prepotency plays in the laws of breeding, selects a bird which has been known to be prepotent from the desired type and one which is not prepotent from a foreign type, and mates them. The result, ninety-nine times in each hundred, is an offspring true to the desired type. In this way, white birds may be mated with black ones with no serious results.

Two things influence prepotency in breeding stock. First, the length of time the animals have been bred pure. The Galloway or the Jersey are more prepotent than the Polled Durham, because they have been established longer as distinct breeds. Second, feed and care have a great deal to do with prepotency. The animal which is half fed and not sheltered cannot have the same power to fix its characteristics upon the offspring as the animal which has a balanced ration of wholesome foods and is never allowed to suffer from cold or heat.

Transmission is another principle which enters into the law that like begets like. By transmission is meant that which relates to structure and habit. In a narrower sense, it relates almost entirely to blemishes and defects. If both parents are blemished with spavins, it is reasonable to expect that the colt will develop a spavin, unless extreme care is taken. The same is true with ringbone, curbs, lump jaw, rough legs, ill-shaped head and neck and a number of other defects common to all farm animals. If both parents possess these defects, the law that like produces like transmits these defects to the offspring. If only one of the parents has these blemishes and that one is known to be much more prepotent than the other parent, in all probability the offspring will be blemished.

In addition to blemishes, might be added speed in horses. The same may be said of endurance in the work horse or of musical talent in the person. These qualities are generally transmitted from the parent or parents to the offspring, because there is a great law which says that like produces like.

The Law of Variation.

The second law is the law of variation. This is the tendency of animals to produce characters different from those found in the parents. It may appear in direct opposition to the first law. In a measure it is. As said before, we have the laws of light and darkness, of heat and cold and of good and bad. While these laws seem to be in opposition, yet if it were not for them, things could not live, grow and accomplish their purpose. If there were no darkness, a great many plants could not live. Were it not for cold seasons, the fertility of the soil could not be maintained, so that certain very important crops could be produced. If evil were not in the world, there would be no reward for doing good.

The law of variation is needed to assist us to have a variety of breeds, to perfect a standard of excellence and to enable us to tell one member of a breed or strain from another. Without a law of variation there would be but one breed of cattle and that breed would resemble the primitive kind. Each individual of the herd would look exactly like every other animal in the herd, so that it would be impossible for the farmer to tell one of his cattle from another; or one of his children from another. While it is necessary that the law that like produces like should be enforced, it is also necessary that its enforcement should not be such that each offspring shall be exactly like all other offsprings.

There are two kinds of variation: general and spontaneous. General variation is the tendency to gradually change from the original type. Sometimes this variation tends toward improvement, while at other times it tends to the opposite. It is through this general variation that the different individuals are told. While there are millions of people in the world, yet no two persons are exactly alike. Visit the stock yards where thousands of cattle are bought and sold and it will be found that no two are exactly alike in every respect. Of the millions of leaves on the trees of the forest, no two are exactly alike. They may be the same shape and same size, but there is some slight variation by which one may be told from the other.

General variation is caused by a number of conditions. Climate, food and desire are among the more prominent causes. A cold climate will cause the coat of wool or hair to become heavier than it would be in the warmer climate. The Galloway cattle have a much heavier coat than those which come from the south of Italy. Climate has been a potent factor in the variation of people. There has been a greater variation in the people of Europe than there has been in the southern part of Asia or the central part of Africa. Food, too, has a great deal to do with variation. Certain food elements cause the development of certain organs. If one food is fed more liberally than other kinds, there will be a greater development of some organs than others and consequently a variation is the result. Desire also has much to do with variation. It has been the desire to be and achieve that has caused the great improvement in the white race, while it has been the lack of desire on the part of the black and yellow races which has caused them to make but little advancement in the past centuries. The desire of the breeder has a great deal to do with the production of new breeds and the perfection of those which already have been produced. By desiring a certain type of animal and selecting the animals which conform as nearly as possible to the type desired, the law of variation will assist him in producing the ideal type.

Spontaneous variation is the tendency to produce offsprings which are in many respects entirely unlike the parents and unlike the breed.

The principle of atavism is one of the prime causes of variation. By atavism is meant the tendency for the offspring to revert to the original type. Occasionally the mating of two well bred animals results in the production of an offspring which in no way resembles the parents, but looks like one or more of its great grandparents. Coburn tells us that the Poland-China hog is the result of seven or eight crosses, among which were the Chinas and the Polands. The Chinas were entirely white, while the Polands were a dark red. This cross was made several decades ago, but still by the principle of atavism, the breed produces many offsprings with large red or white spots in the coat of black.

Many breeds of poultry are the result of the union of several other breeds. Some of the so-called red breeds are built upon a base of birds with black feathers. And even now the principle of atavism makes it impossible for every egg to hatch a chick true to the type.

The mental impressions of the female at the time of conception are sometimes responsible for spontaneous variation. This theory is laughed at by some, but scientists in general hold that it is true. It was known to the ancients and an instance is recorded in the Bible. Jacob, who succeeded in marrying all of Laban's daughters and getting the most of his cattle, understood this principle of breeding. He took a liking to spotted cattle and by the use of the green poplar rods and the ring-streaked goats, he succeeded in increasing the number of spotted calves. Then by the process of selection, he perfected a breed of spotted cattle which nearly bankrupted Laban.

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wild animals. The wild hog, the lion and the wild cow are the same today as they were three thousand years ago. It seems that nature has provided the laws, but she expects man to enforce them.

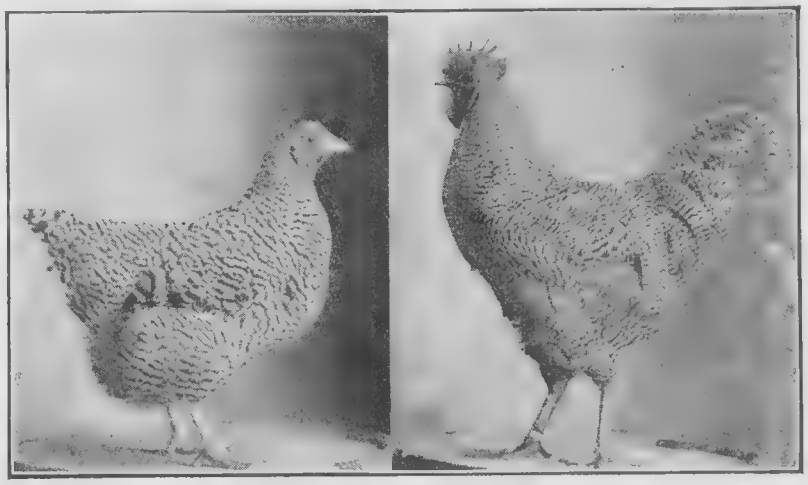
Notes on the Laws.

Some writers call atavism a distinct law, making three; others choose to call it one principle of variation. We have followed the latter belief.

Spontaneous variation is very helpful in developing new breeds. A new specimen will be produced by the union of one pair and perhaps another similar specimen of the opposite sex may be produced by another pair. By mating these two specimens and by practicing in-breeding for a few generations, it is possible to establish a breed with the characteristics of the new specimen.

Polled cattle are the result of the law of variation. An offspring was dropped without horns. In another section of the country an offspring of an opposite sex was born without horns. The owners mated these specimens, and their offspring, with other varied specimens, till a number of polled breeds have been perfected. In fact, all short horn cattle of today are the result of general variation. A thousand years ago short horn cattle were unknown.

One of the most interesting breeds of poultry, the Columbian Wyandotte, is the result of all the laws given above. By variation, both general and spontaneous, and then by a scientific selection to enforce the law that like produces like, a breed of Light Brahmas without feathers on their legs was produced. Had it not been for variation this breed could have never been produced.



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The same laws hold true in the vegetable kingdom. The reason that wheat seed deteriorates is because no attention is paid to the law that like produces like. The bad seed is sown with the good. The bad usually increases more rapidly, till at the end of a few years the farmer has a supply of seed which is in no way like the original. By the use of the fanning mill and by selection of the better appearing heads as seed for the next year, the poor seed may be prevented from increasing.

Care of Poultry.

Young cockerels should be separated from the pullets immediately their combs begin to shoot, and it will be found that both sexes will decidedly benefit by the separation. Failure in this is one of the mistakes the uninitiated often make and it should be added that for successful, well-grown and developed stock it is advisable to keep the sexes apart at all times (except, of course, in those pens where breeding operations are going on). Weeding out should not be delayed, or trouble will result, and the ground will be crowded with undesirable birds. All weakly, deformed, or mismarked chickens should be placed in a separate run, so as to give all possible room and attention to the remaining birds. Where typical fowls are desired chickens which display double combs instead of single, wrong-colored legs, and other defects may be quickly fattened up for the table if fed with ground oats, corn, or barley meal. Pure water should be given, finely ground oatmenal mixed with it, and about ten day's treatment will suffice for chickens two or three months old. Shelter should be given to growing chickens; it is not expensive, and will prove very beneficial; where shade is not available from trees, ordinary canvas may be nailed on a light framework. The bleaching effects of sunshine on young poultry will be quickly discernable, for the sun's rays will turn white feathers straw or ivory tinted, black will soon become rusty brown, whilst buff and brown will lose their brilliancy of color if too much exposed. A capital shelter is made by arranging loosely a good pile of branches of trees in the centre of the poultry yard or run. The young birds will soon find their way through the mass of leafy branches, and enjoy the refreshing shelter from the sun's rays, and it is further advised that dry sand or road dust be placed under the trees, which will benefit and delight the birds. When kept in grass runs it is always necessary to cut out a good-sized square of turf, where, in the dry weather, the chickens can dust themselves in the loose earth, also forage for insects, worms, etc., that appear. A word of warning to those who give lawn clippings or grass to poultry (young or old) is necessary, for whilst the finest lawn clippings may be beneficial, if any long grass is given there is a decided danger of it being swallowed at once, and the long pieces soon get matted up like a ball inside the fowl's crop, and cannot pass into the gizzard; the consequence is stoppage, and the poor little bird seeks relief by copiously drinking water, extending and overcharging the skin of the crop, death invariably ensuing. Grass contains a large percentage of iron and lime, and therefore is very conducive to rich blood and good health.

Dangers of Crowding.

Do not overcrowd the poultry yards. It is far better to keep half the number of fowls and give them proper space to maintain health, for even if trouble is not immediately experienced, discomfort ailments and many obnoxious habits willl soon be discovered when overcrowding is allowed. It is far better to specialize in one particular breed, learn all that is possible about its properties, and do one's best to improve the strain each year, than to attempt to attain success with several breeds. The profitable poultrykeeper is generally a specialist, and too much importance cannot be attached to this essential of successful poultry keeping. The grower is advised to allow one square foot per bird for the house he is building, and ten square feet per bird for the run he contemplates arranging; but if he takes in adjoining grass land for a large run, he will do well to allow 100 square feet per bird, in order to preserve the grass for any length of time, and it should be added that by dividing the grass run into various sections, and using them alternately, it will be always sweet and fresh. By all means start with pure bred birds of the best possible strain in peference to mongrels, which are generally dear at any price,

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Poultry House Wash.

Information on a cheap, lasting wash for poultry-houses is asked for, and the following is strongly advised: Take one-half bushel of unslaked lime; slake it with boiling water, covering during the process to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer, and add to it a peck of salt, previously dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice, boiled to a thin paste, over half-pound of powdered Spanish whitening, and one pound of clean glue, the latter prepared by soaking it well until quite dissolved, and then hang it over a slow fire in a small kettle, within a larger one filled with water. Add five gallons of hot water to the mixture, stir well, and allow to stand—covered—for a few days. It should be put on hot, and for this purpose can be kept in a kettle on the stove. The whitewash will do equally for outside and inside walls, and whilst it will retain its appreciable brilliancy for many years, various colors may be mixed with the liquid. A square yard of the fowl-house can be well covered by a pint of this mixture, which, although a little more trouble, will well repay the poultry-keeper for its use.

Wheat for Fowls.

In poultry-feeding wheat undoubtedly plays a conspicuous part, and is largely used for adults; also chickens, which can hardly do without this life-sustaining grain, especially when its by-products, such as middlings or sharps, and bran, are considered. The latter, it cannot be too widely known, is rich in phosphates and bone-producing material. A word of warning, however, should be given about bran feeding, for, whilst sharps or middlings can be mixed or used for drying off any soft food without preparation, bran, whether used in large or small quantities, should always be first well scalded and allowed to stand before using, which renders it more easily digestible, more especially in feeding young birds, whose delicate organs are liable to be injured by the somewhat fibrous nature of the bran. However, in the case of over-fatted hens theer is little danger, and a healthy condition of the organs may be secured by its liberal use. It may safely be stated that sharps and bran are excellent additions for the mash or soft food, which form at least one-third of the hen's daily menu. Biscuit-flour, that forms the basis of the many biscuit meals, is made from the portion of the wheat that comes next to that part of the grain which is used for human food. Sharps come next in varied grades of fine and coarse, followed by the bran. Poultry-keepers are reminded that it is not the large, plump wheat that is the most nutritious, for "tail wheat," providing it is not too thin, is an excellent feed, owing to the larger amount of the outer portions, which is much more nourishing to fowls than the inner.

Points to Remember.

April, May and June are the best season for selling broilers.

A hen that is laying requires more food than one that is not.

The nests should be renewed often and the roosts washed with some insecticide.

If the poultry business is carried on to any large extent the incubator is a necessity.

White shelled eggs hatch easier than the brown shelled, in the incubator, it is claimed.

If the hen does not lay, it is in some

way your fault, for it is her business to lay eggs.

Success depends more on the care given to fowls than the breed.

To purchase eggs is the least expensive way to get a start of fine poultry, but it takes longer.

Do not set eggs from the small breeds under large hens, because they are likely to break them.

Chickens, turkeys, ducks and guineas kept in the same yard will be almost certain to end in failure and disappointment.

When hens are moved from one place to another during the laying season they will diminish laying, or perhaps stop for a while.

Select the breed you like best, take the proper care of them and depend upon it they will take care of you.

Farmers who have a patch of wet land, marshy and almost useless, could get a little return from it by keeping geese. A few would get most of their summer food from such a spot and will pay better in proportion to their cost than any other stock on the farm.

The Breed to Choose.

There are breeds and breeds of hogs—black, white, red and striped.

There are breeds differing widely in characteristics; there are also types in the same breed differing almost as much. In this chaos of breeds and types, which shall we choose?

The first point to consider is our environment and the feeds at hand Where corn is the stable and dependable crop it is always the cheapest hog feed. Here we want the compact, easy feeding and quick maturing type. We want the kind that will weigh 250 pounds at eight months of age on corn, supplemented with clover or alfalfa pasture. The hog best adapted to these conditions is the so-called lard-hog. The breeds so classed are the Poland China, Duroc Jersey, Chester White and Berkshire, though strains of each of these breeds are so bred that in reality they do not properly come under this classification. In sections where barley, rye, field peas, etc., are the staple feed crops the bacon type of hog is best adapted. These feeds are lean meat producers and with them the bacon type is easily maintained. The leading true bacon breeds are the Yorkshire and Tamworth, though some strains of lard hogs, especially Berkshires, are bred along bacon lines. Feeds and environment have much to do with animal characteristics, while the lard hog under the bacon environment will in time become longer bodied, deeper sided and later maturing.

The type to choose is the one best adapted to one's surroundings as concerns feed, and the breed to choose is the one that suits the personal fancy, and at no time forgetting that type is of more importance than breed.

Poultry Mixtures.

What could be more pleasing to the eye than a flock of chickens of one breed? Uniform in color, all of a size and all of one pure breed. On the other hand there could not be anything more pleasing than a flock of mixtures. Such a flock bears resemblance to a paint dealer's color card—no two of the same shade. In size they vary all through the list from the Bantam to the Brahma, with pedal extremities ranging in length from the short-legged Dorking to the long-legged Shanghai. Such fowls have been inbred and crossbred until they cannot claim to be the descendants of much of anything.

It is the very absurd custom of a great many breeders of chickens to get each spring a different breed of cockerels. They will then proceed to make such rank crosses as the Mediterranean breeds mated with Asiatics. These rank crosses tend to destroy the good qualities of each of the original breeds and begets a mongrel offspring. Select the breed that suits your fancy and requirements and stick to it. Even if you start with grades, keep grading up with pure bred cock birds of the breed you have in mind, introducing fresh blood each year, and you will in the course of a few years have a flock to be proud of. Such a flock of uniform grades of pure bloods will give better results and prove a better paying proposition than all the mixtures that ever got mixed. This you will note by the following reasons: Where large and small breeds run together the smaller ones are continually being fought and cowed. On the other hand, when feed is given the flock the smaller, being more active, get more than their share. Heavy hens set upon eggs laid by light hens always stand a good chance of breaking about half. Your light weight hens will not likely be disposed to hatch either class of eggs. The market and consumer requires eggs of uniform size and color. They will likely call for the brown eggs or they may perhaps call for white, whichever best suits their individual tastes. You cannot produce eggs of uniform size and color from your "mixtures," and therefore cannot command the fancy prices. The market and poultry dealer will always give a few cents more per pound for a coop of uniform poultry where their dressing qualities are about equal. A coop containing one breed will always attract the eye of the buyer.

The day for haphazard breeding is fast passing, or should be. If a person will have the nerve to still contend, at the present development of poultry, that his "mixtures" are the proper thing such a person is about sixty years behind the times. He is still living in the age when people kept "dung hills."

If plenty of eggs are your requirements, select some one of the nervous so-called non-sitting breeds. If your object is weight select a breed of the "great big" fellows. Providing you require a general purpose fowl for both eggs and flesh, one of the American breeds will give satisfaction. Go your neighbors one better. Keep a flock of pure blood chickens and hear them run your breed into the ground. This is only jealousy—they are envious of your fine looking flock. Pay no heed whatever to what any person may say to discourage you on the breed you have selected. Stick to it, stick until you have a flock of pure bloods, uniform in every manner, and a flock that will swell your purse.

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How to Treat Plants.

Azalea. In the house needs much water. If possible, leaves should have a heavy sprinkling every day. Prefertes a temperature not less than sixty degrees when making new growth. As the flowers fade pick them off. Keep the plant in a cool room when not in flower.

Begonia. Tuberous begonias bloom during the summer and must be allowed to rest in the winter. Dry off in November and let them live in retirement: in March they may be repotted. The fibrous-rooted begonias are the winter-flowering ones. They need good drainage, a soil of loam, leaf-mould and sand. Put the plant in an east window—shade is better than sun, but a light, sunless window is the best. In May the plant should be given a rest by gradually withdrawing water. But it must not remain dry more than a few days at a time, then give water enough to keep leaves and stems from wilting. When new growth has begun water more freely, cut out old growth and repot. It likes warmth.

Boston Fern. The easiest of all ferns for growing in the house. Needs light, but not sunlight, soil of leaf-mould and plenty of water. In the summer keep in a shady place in the open air. Remove old leaves, particularly if affected with scale.

Calla. Don't give a calla too large a pot. For any but an unusually large bulb a six-inch pot is large enough; or, which is best, several plants may be grown in a tub or large pot. A good soil is of one-third fibrous loam, one-third manure and one-third sand; or a soil of leaf-mould and peat may be used. Keep the soil wet. When flowers appear liquid manure may be applied. In June Callas may be taken outdoors, left under a tree or anywhere in the shade, the pots turned on one side and forgotten until September. Then repot in fresh soil, set in a cool place to make roots, water moderately until the young growth has started; then bring into warmth and sunshine.

Cactus. Give good drainage, use sandy soil. Cacti can stand heat and warmth. The rose-colored cactus epiphyllum is the best for a living-room. Needs little water.

Cyclamen. When in flower don't let the bright sunshine on the plant. Keep in a cool room (fifty-five degrees at night). Don't let it become dry at the roots. Don't use too large a pot. It may be repotted in same-sized pot.

Dracaenas. Warm atmosphere, soil of leaf-mould and loam. Keep moist.

English Ivy. Does not require sunshine, but pot should have a place near the light. Soil should be ordinary garden loam. Roots should be kept moist, not wet. To deter scale and mealy-bug wash occasionally with an infusion of fir-tree-oil soap.

Fushsia. Thrives best in an east window. Don't try to grow it exposed to afternoon or midday sun. Give good drainage, and abundance of water both for roots and foliage; with good drainage you can hardly give it too much water daily. Soil should be leaf-mould and coarse sand. Fushsia speciosa is the best winter-blooming variety.

Heliotrope. Give all the sunshine you can. Don't let a heliotrope get pot-bound, it needs plenty of root room and can stand two or three shifts of pots during the season. Soil should be of sand and some leaf-mould. Don't let it get dry at the roots; it can use twice as much water as a good-sized geranium.

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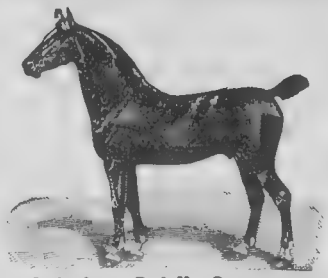
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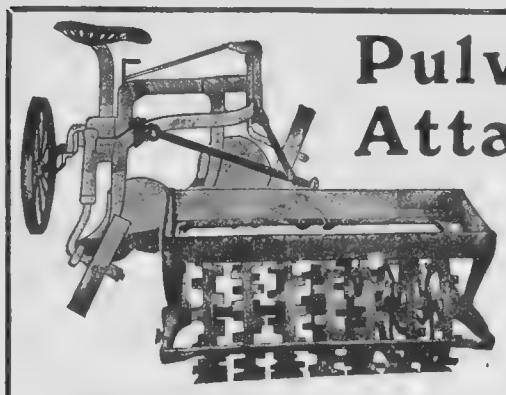

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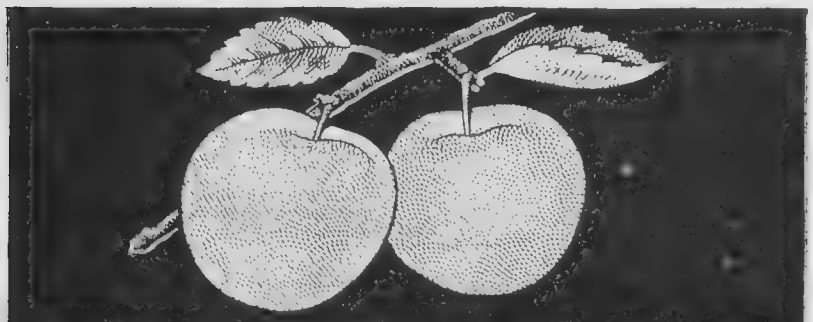

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Delicate Structure of Trees.

In the first place, trees are not the nondestructible organisms one would be led to think they were, from the way one so often sees them handled. On the contrary, trees are made up of delicate organs, which are very subject to adverse conditions, and, like other living forms, readily show the result of favorable or harmful environments.

The part of a tree above ground, because it is always subject to changing conditions of weather, has acquired the power of accommodating itself to a considerable range of conditions. Hardy trees can resist and accommodate themselves to a very wide range of temperatures. The root environment of a tree is of a very different nature from the conditions above ground. The more dense nature of the soil covering about the roots of trees makes them less susceptible to sudden changes than the air-exposed parts. For this reason, the roots are much more tender and easily injured than the branches of a tree. Branches cannot endure root environment, nor can roots endure branch environment—and yet we often see trees exposed at planting time, as if the roots would stand whatever the tops would.

Root Hairs.

In addition to these conditions of environment, roots have delicate organs, known as root hairs, that maintain their life only under conditions of moisture. These root hairs, as their name implies, are fine and hair-like—so fine, indeed, that one needs a microscope to see them perfectly. They have exceedingly thin and delicate cell walls, and contain the active protoplasm on which the life of the tree depends. It is by the osmotic action of the delicate walls of the root hairs that the tree is able to get its food from the soil. As might be seen from their nature, root hairs are very easily injured and killed by drying. Unless they are constantly in contact with moist soil particles, they die, and the leaves of the tree above ground quickly tell of the loss below the surface. When root hairs are exposed to the air they at once begin to lose moisture, and as the moisture dries away, their vitality diminishes proportionately. It is upon these delicate little organs that the life of the tree depends, and its growth and vigor are proportionate to their activity and numbers. Yet one would scarcely believe that there was anything delicate about the way they are exposed by some planters

Relation of Modern Seedsman to Farmer.

The modern seedsman stands in an entirely diffrent relation to the farmer of today from the seedsman of a score or more years ago. The methods of producing and handling seeds are becoming more widely known among the progressive farmers, and scientific and progressive methods are taking the place of obscure methods of the old-time seedsman. The modern seedsman occupies an advisory position with reference to the man upon whom his business depends, that is, the progressive farmer and gardener. Misrepresentation has had its day; the seedsman of the present time who depends upon the exaggerateed statements made in his catalogue, is being deiven out by the man who represents things as they are, and takes some responsibility for the returns obtained from seeds sold by him.

Just a word as to what modern seedsmanship stands for: The up-to-date seedsman is a scientist who is studying methods of plant breeding, hybridizing, selection and separation of pure types. He studies methods of culture which serve to bring about the highest development of plant life and thus produce the highest types of seed. He is well informed as to the climatic conditions which serve to develop the seeds of different types and which tend to produce seeds adapted to particular regions. He studies the adaptability of different types for peculiar conditions. He no longer recommends one variety of a crop as undoubtedly "the best," regardless of the locality in which it is to be grown; but he bases his recommendations upon tests that have been made by experiments of practical workers throughout the country.

In fact, the modern seedsman is a student of plant life and the conditions of plant growth, and lets no information go by which will tend to help him to produce and distribute better seeds to the farmer and gardener. He is coming to accept real quality and pedigree as of greater importance than the apparent and superficial quality of the seed stock he sells. He takes into consideration the number of years such varieties have been tested and their average yield over the period of years.

To be sure he does not overlook the fact that high quality is necessary to produce the best market price, but the fact that seeds may be produced of high quality in one locality is not evidence that seed of the same variety will produce the same high quality in other localities.

The modern seedsmen is coming nearer to the goal of making a guarantee on the products he puts out. It is a recognized fact among all business men, in all walks of life, that modern methods in business demand that the dealer or merchant shall take some responsibility for the goods he sells. The responsibility which a seedsman would have to take, if he absolutely guaranteed a crop from his seeds, is so great that no seedsman has yet considered himself in a position to make such a guarantee. In fact, such a guarantee would be impracticable and would bankrupt a seedsman in a short time. In spite of this, however, the time is coming for the seedsman to take a stand for making a reasonable guarantee of the seeds which he sells. He can make representations on the seeds he sells and guarantee that these representations shall be fact and not fiction. He can stand back of the seeds and agree to replace any seeds which are not up to representation, or refund the money, or he may allow them to be returned after a casual examination. This is what would be termed a reasonable guarantee. No mortal man can guarantee that a crop will be produced from seed that is sown, for so many conditions enter into this matter over which no man has any control.

In considering the guarantee of seeds, there are several facts which can be guaranteed to be as represented. First, the name of the variety is nearly always given. There may be a question as to the exact description of any published variety, but the seedsman should certainly be held responsible to see that no decidedly different stock is put out under a given name. Second, the locality where the seeds are grown may be given. With the present-day knowledge of growing seeds and seed methods it may be argued that the farmer or gardener would not be able to determine what region would be best in which to grow the seeds, but it is certainly a fact that if this information is given it will prove to be educational. It will also enable the grower to know where the seeds have come from, and thus serve to guide him in making future purchases. Third, the offering of seed under a definite stock number may or may not be desirable. If any guarantee is made, in case complaint is made it serves to give the seedsman a check upon the stock sent out, and he can refer both to his trial ground tests and to the results

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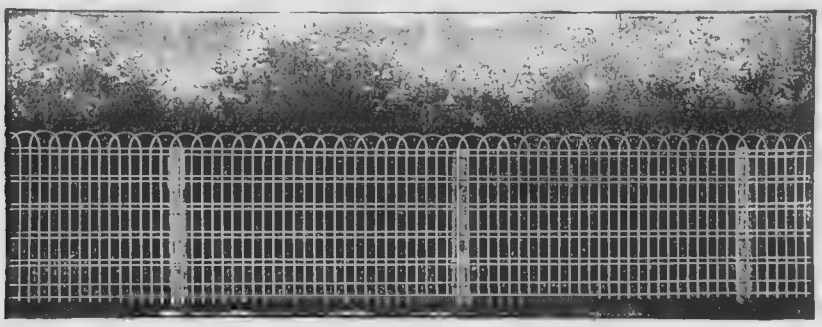

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obtained by other growers, as well as the grower in question, and determine whether the ground taken by the grower, making complaint, is just. Fourth, the stating of the germinating test of seeds gives more or less a basis for the grower to determine how to handle the seeds in sowing. No germination test can exactly represent the whole stock, but it will show to a degree the vitality of such stocks and enable the grower to sow accordingly. The seedsman who states on tags and packets the germination test on his seeds will often be put in a bad light before the purchaser, because it is practically impossible, with a large number of varieties of garden seeds, to secure germination tests as high as the grower thinks would be necessary. It would be a surprise to 99 per cent. of the farmers and gardeners to know the actual germination test of most of the seeds which are sold in packets or small quantities. It is a common practice among many seedsmen to use their poorer quality of stock and stock which is known to be somewhat off in germination or quality for packeting, instead of their very best stock for this purpose. It can be said, however, of such seedsmen that they do usually save their highest quality seed for market gardeners, and this latter practice is commendable, for the market gardener or trucker is the man who is depending for his living upon the results obtained from these seeds. Fifth, in handling farm seeds the purity test is very desirable and, in fact, should be demanded with a large number of seeds. Wherever there is a question in the mind of the seedsman as to the quality of the stock in hand, he can send a sample of such seed to the seed testing station and have his observation verified and he can make a report on such tests to his customer. The germination and purity test, as well as the apparent quality of the sample, should be a basis for determining the value on such stock.

The modern seedsman must necessarily be a student of business conditions today because the advertising methods in vogue in all lines of business are so strenuous and so hypnotic in their influence over the reader that it appears difficult for a legitimate business man, operating along legitimate lines, to get hold of the popular mind. A seedsman who merely states the cold unvarnished facts about his seeds does not make much headway as compared to the seedsman who somewhat overstates his case in advertising his output. The trend in the tone of advertising is upward, and seedsmen today are occupying a higher plane, morally and ethically, than they did twenty-five years ago. Their methods are more open to inspection and investigation, and the farmer is taking advantage of his opportunity to learn more about them and their practices.

So far we have been considering the position of the modern seedsman with reference to the farmer. We may now consider what should be the farmer's position with reference to the seedsman. It is up to the farmer and gardener to make or unmake the seedsman and his business. It should not be very difficult for the farmer to determine by reading the catalogue of a seedsman whether the statements made are reasonable or otherwise.

It is the farmer's privilege to investigate the standing and position of everyone with whom he deals. Many of the farmers do not use this privilege as much as they should, while others overdo the matter and are so critical regarding stocks that are put out that it is impossible for even the most careful seedsman to deal with him. The farmer who expects, when he buys seed corn on the ear at $2.50 to $3.00 per bushel, to get a bushel of show ears that would take first premium, is sure to be disappointed. He does not recognize the fact that there are very few fields of corn of 40 acres in size which can produce a good ten-ear, prize-winning sample.

The right kind of modern seedsman stands in an advisory position with reference to the farmer and can show him where he can or cannot better his present crops by co-operation. With garden seeds the matter is somewhat different for the amount of seeds used is so small and the cost so little, compared to the outlay made on the seeds, that the farmer or gardener could hardly afford to spend the amount of time to save all kinds of garden seeds, even if this were possible. If the farmer or gardener were dealing with seedsmen who merely depend upon buying and selling on the market, the situation would be different. The modern seedsman searches the country over for the best localities, best varieties and the best growers, and purchases or grows his seed in accordance with such information in order that he may give his customer the very best of satisfaction.

Summing up the relation between the modern seedsman and the farmer one naturally comes to the conclusion that in order to make this relation most effective for good, it is as necessary for the farmer to be progressive and up-to-date as it is for the seedsman. The farmer who is not up in line with new ideas will not be in a position to be benefited by the modern ideas of the "new" seedsman. We are learning every day more of the facts that lie hidden in the plants and seeds we grow to sell, and we are learning how to make these serve our will. The modern seedsman is also learning that he is responsible for a large part of the good or evil resulting from the sowing of good or poor seed, and is beginning to shoulder some of this responsibility. The coming decade will probably see more advance in the improvement of methods of handling seeds than any decade that has passed.

The Rural School Problem.

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work done in the secondary schools There should be a course in these schools for those about to enter upon teaching and no teacher should be given a license who has not a thorough knowledge of those subjects he will have to present when he takes charge of a rural school. The best help that our elementary schools can receive today lies in the direction of strengthening the secondary schools of the province, so that they may be able to turn out a corps of thoroughly qualified teachers.

But, if the schools were improved in all the directions indicated above many children would still stop at home, either because it is their own wish or the wish of their parents. The Massachusetts Commission on Industrial Education in presenting its report stated that the cause of absence was nearly always with the pupil rather than with the parent. Irregular attendance had as a cause the distaste for school work. That Commission proposed a change in the programme of studies by which emphasis was placed upon industrial activity of some kind. It is just possible that the programme of studies in Canada from coast to coast needs revision to make it harmonize with modern needs and to make it attractive to children.

Compulsory Education.

Where the fault of non-attendance lies with the parents rather than with the pupils, it is urged by many that a compulsory clause be inserted in the school Acts of the various provinces. Unfortunately the question seems to be mixed with politics, and it is impossible to discuss it in an article of this nature. Those who believe that attraction is a stronger force than compulsion must continue to urge that good buildings and nigh grade teachers are the first essentials to efficiency. Those who think that the greed of parents and the laziness of children will resist all attraction, will continue to press for compulsory enactment. Both sides will surely agree that it is to the advantage of the whole community that every child should be intelligent, moral, sympathetic, and capable of action. These are the great ends in a system of education.

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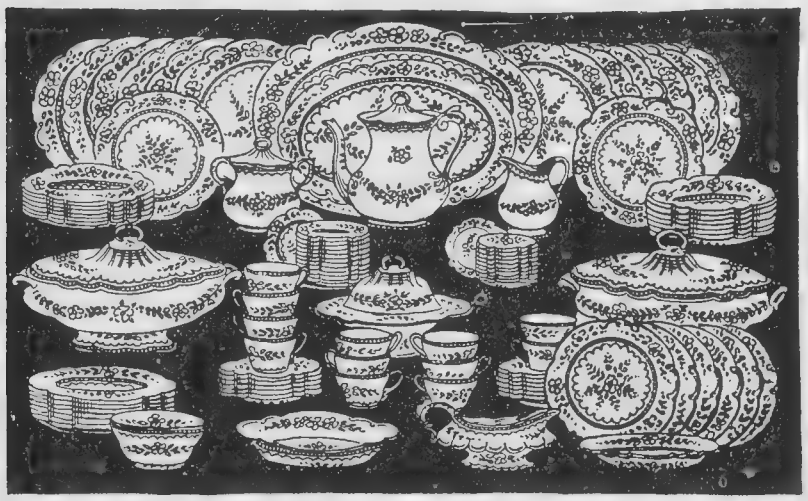

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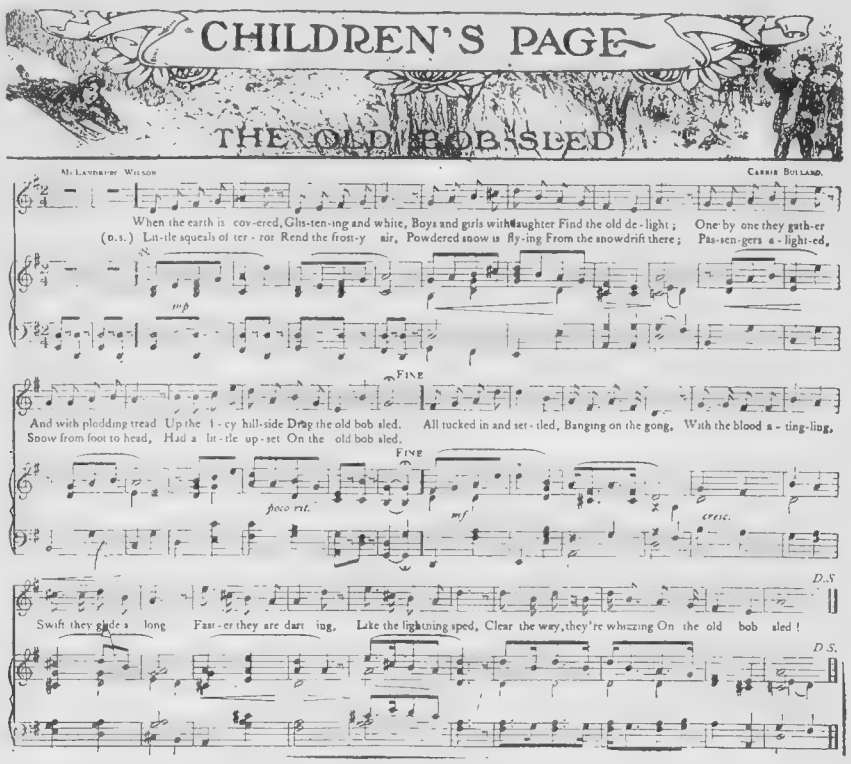

The Winsome Little Maiden.

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  Who is she? Do you know?
Who always has a welcome,
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Her face is like the May-time;
  Her voice is like a bird's;
The sweetest of all music
  Is in her lightsome words.

The loveliest of blossoms
  Spring where her light foot treads,
And most delicious odors
  She all around her sheds.

The breath of purple clover
  Upon the breezy hills;
The smell of garden roses
  And yellow daffodils.

Each spot she makes the brighter,
  As if she were the sun,
And she is sought and cherished
  And loved by every one.

By old folks and by children,
  By lofty and by low,
Who is this little maiden?
  Does anybody know?

You often must have met her;
  You certainly can guess,
What! must I introduce her?
  Her name is gentleness.

The Red-Headed Boy.

By Alice Daly.

"There's that awful red-headed boy in a fight!" The sharp voice belonged to the sharp-faced teacher of the fifth grade, who happened to be on duty at the noon recess. She hurried to the struggling boys, and with the assistance of another teacher, managed to pull them apart.

"Young man," she addressed the owner of the red hair, "this is not the first fight you've had on these grounds, but I certainly hope it will be the last." She marched the panting boys to the principal's office.

In the meantime, a red head had appeared at an upstairs window; one glance from a pair of intelligent brown eyes took in the situation, and the head disappeared.

"Yes, I saw him, with my own eyes, rush at the other boy, grab him by the collar and fling him down!" The sharp voice was pitched so as to enter the principal's ear, and penetrate to his rather kind heart, arousing it to execute a righteous judgment on the red-headed culprit.

"Be seated, boys. What grade are you in?" The red-headed boy looked up.

"Indeed, I'm sorry to say he is still in mine!" The sharp voice had emphasized "still."

"Did you attack this boy first?"

"With my hands, yes sir,"

"Why do you say 'with your hands.'"?

"Because he attacked me first, with his tongue."

The principal looked at the other boy who grinned and flushed.

There was a tap on the door. "Come in!" called the principal; and a tall young woman with red hair and brown eyes entered. She looked symphathetically into the eyes of both boys, causing them both to blush with shame.

The red-headed boy blushed, because he remembered the fight he had the previous year, and how this red-headed teacher from another grade had walked all the way home with him. How she had told him that God had made both their heads red; how He had numbered each of those red hairs how that it did not first happen to be red, but that God had permitted it to be that color, and that it was wrong to fight about it, because it was like reproaching his Heavenly Father for making it red.

"Have a seat, Miss McClain; I'm glad you have come. Now," to the black, drooping head, "how did you attack him first with your tongue"?

Both boy's faces got redder. After an embarrassing silence, the red head was thrown back and a pair of honest blue eyes looked at the principal.

"He don't want to tell you because Miss McClain is here. Please Miss McClain, go out! then you can come back when we holler 'come.'"

The blue eyes looked beseechingly into the brown ones. The principal raised his eyebrows; the thin lips of the sharp-faced teacher curled contemptuously; Miss McClain laughed merrily.

"Excuse me, Professor; but perhaps you don't understand. Why, its something about red heads. You see Pat is so sensitive on the subject, that he can't realize that I'm not at all so Don't mind me, Ernest, just speak the truth," but the boy only looked more ashamed of himself.

Miss McClain smiled knowingly at the Principal. "He called him a red-headed, freckled faced Irishman, I expect. Was it Pat"?

"Ask him." Pat Dillon nodded his red head towards Ernest's black one.

Ernest raised his black eyes, full of tears of shame to his teacher's intellectual face; and the look in her eyes brought him to his feet.

"Professor," he stammered. "I—that's exactly what I said, only that wansn't all. I said that his mother nearly whipped him last night because she saw a light through the transom and thought he was still reading after she had told him to go to bed, but she found it was only the light from his head. I—I didn't know how low down

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The Principal rose and shook hands with the boys.

"Now shake hands with each other!—that's right. Pat, my boy, I believe this is to be your last fight on account of your hair. Now, I want you to study your hardest, so I can promote you to Miss McClain's room. I think there you would soon learn to appreciate red hair."

"Ernest, your teacher is justly proud of you. You can both go."

"Oh I do hope you can promote him. Professor! Ever since I first noticed him in school, we've had a queer sort of understanding. I'm sure we could make the most of each other."

"I sincerely hope he will be promoted!" snapped his teacher.

Pat Dillon was promoted at Christmas and from the day he entered Miss McClain's room—and looked into her eyes, he became a different boy. He was from the beginning her messenger, because, when she looked up to select some one, a pair of eager blue eyes begged to be of service.

The Principal watched with interest the developing of the red-headed boy, by the tactful, intelligent, red-headed teacher.

"Miss McClain has the best behaved grade in the school. I've taught it twice;" declared one senior to another whom she met in the hall, on her way to fill Miss McClain's vacant seat.

I'm awfully nervous about teaching boys and girls of from ten to thirteen they are simply at an abominable age! I'm not surprised that she has these violent headaches come on suddenly."

"Don't you worry. If you want any information, just ask that red-headed boy, he's a treasure."

The nervous senior found the report to be true, and everything had gone on smoothly until the arithmetic class was called, the eight pupils were at the board when suddenly the fire alarm rang.

"The fire drill!" exclaimed the senior excitedly.

"Fire, fire, fire!" shouted a voice in the street below.

The senior sprang from her seat and rushed from the platform. Pat raced down the aisle, caught her in his arms and hurried her back to Miss McClain's desk.

Interest in Pat's manoevures had saved the grade from panic.

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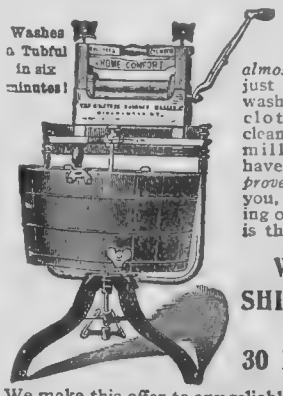

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cipal's account of how Pat Dillon, in the absence of his teacher, had preserved the honor of the sixth grade. Miss McClain read it and was proud of her red-headed boy.—Christian Instructor.

A Green Dress.

And Why It Was Not Worn to the Party After All.

It was like the old apple-pie that A made in the old nursery-story, when:

"Bit bit it,
C cut it,
D divided it,
E eyed it,
F fought for it,
Go got it,
H had it."—and so on to the end of the alphabet.

There were not so many girls in the Nickerson family as there were letters in the alphabet, but there were six. And there was Teddy the only boy. But this for a wonder, was a pie in which Teddy didn't have his finger.

Fallowfield where the Nickersons lived, is away down Hardscrabble way. on the map. It is so far up hill and down dale that the railroad gives out before it gets there, and the stage that connects with the railroad drops one at the foot of a steep hill two miles from Fallowfield. But Uncle Peleg Dodge "accommodates" and although he and his horse are both old and fat, one arrives at last and finds that Fallowfield is a thriving little village, although the large clothes-pin factory is almost the only commercial interest, and the Hardscrabble Herald prints periodically, among its funny paragraphs, the statement that Fallowfield hangs on to the world only by a cuothespin.

The Nickersons were among the old families of Fallowfield. They had family portraits by distinguished artists, and jeweled knee-buckles, and a genealogical tree. (Becky had, however, almost ruined the latter by painting red apples and green leaves upon it when her paint-box was new.) But it was impossible to live off old portraits and a genealogical tree, and they were so poor now that they actually were afraid that Teddy whom they had hoped to send to college one day, would have to go to the clothes-pin factory to work.

Perley Beck, whose father owned the clothes-pin factory, had sent out invitations for a Hallowe'en party. The Becks had moved to Fallowfield from the city, and were considered "stylish." Perley had some friends visiting her, and the cards read: "To meet the Misses Gladys and Kitty Bramwell." And fourteen-year-old Fallowfield could not sleep nights.

The Nickersons each received a card. from Margaret, who was sixteen, down to Becky, who was eight; but alas! they were all in the condition of Miss Flora McFlimsy—one has not the heart to speak lightly of it, it has spoiled so much innocent pleasure and caused so much real suffering—they had "nothing to wear." Even the Sunday cashmeres had to be worn to school that winter, and Dolly's—Dolly was the tomboy—had a darn that showed.

The apple-pie was Great-grandmother Dorothy Wynne's brocade silk dress. Sweet little tired-out Mother Nickerson brought it down from the attic. The girls had not known there was anything left; the mother had kept it secret because her mother had thought so much of it.

It was beautiful—dark green, with a tiny brocaded flower in bright colors.

Mother Nickerson looked at her pretty, tall slip of a Margaret. Of course they all knew--five sinking hearts —that Margaret was the one to go.

Margaret gave a little gasp of delight and then shut her lips firmly.

"It's so skimpy, there isn't enough in it to make a dress for me!" she said.

The little mother's eyes met hers. They understood each other, always preferring others, both of them.

We couldn't get dresses for the twins out of it, could we? They had such a hard time of it with the measles," murmured Margaret. "And how would it suit Penelope's light locks"?

"And I haven't been to singing-school or anywhere," said Kate, with deep feeling.

"Kate has had to stay at home," said Margaret, "and Dolly does love a party so, and she is just Perley Beck's age.

"We might have it made into two slips to wear under white, if our old white muslins were not impossible," said Constance.

"There's only one thing to be done," said Helen, who was the wise one of the twins. "We must draw lots, and whoever gets it must not try to make any one else take it"

So Mother Nickerson held six little slips of paper in her hand. On one of them was a "B" for brocade. They drew in the order of their ages, and Dolly drew the prize.

Dolly gave a long sigh.

"It won't be much of a party when all the rest of you have to stay at home," she said.

But a party was a party to Dolly, and they all, even Kate, made such a successful pretense of not caring, and were so gay over the plans and suggestions, that were offered for the making of the new dress, that Dolly could hardly help forgetting everything but the delightful time she was going to have.

Mother Nickerson said they must have Miss Tritchem, the Fallowfield dressmaker, to cut and plan; she would be willing to take her pay in eggs. Much planning was necessary for Great-grandmother Dorothy Lynne's dress was certainly "skimpy," and Dolly was large for fourteen.

Dolly ran joyfully down the hill—it was up or down hill everywhere in Fallowfield—to Miss Tritchem's shop that very afternoon. Haste was necessary; Perlep Beck had been able to send out her invitations only a few days beforehand, because the visit of her friends was to be brief.

Dolly coasted down, boy-fashion, on Jimmy Jackson's small express-wagon, and drew little lame Joey McGinness up. She came up on air and wouldn't have known that she was drawing any weight, for Miss Tritchem had shown her a fashion-plate with the prettiest dress imaginable for a girl of her ago, which she was sure she could contrice to make out of the green brocade. Perley Beck and her city friends would see that there was some "style" in Fallowfield, and Tilly Dow could not toss her head!

At the top of the hill she came upon little Hetty Plum, with her hands clasped before her in a despairing way, her hat pulled down over her eyes, and tears trickling down her cheeks. Old Mrs. Grimsby had taken Hetty Plum from the Hardscrabble poorhouse, and had declared her intention of "doing well by her if she proved something."

"What's the matter, Hetty Plum?" called Dolly, across the road.

"I've been careless again—orfle careless," returned Hetty. "It's worse'n chiny tea-pot this time, an' she said if I was careless again she'd send me back to the poorhouse! An' she will; she ain't one that don't mean it, Mis' Grimsby ain't!"

"What have you done?" said Dolly, sympathetically. Dolly knew what it was to get into" scrapes" by reason of carelessness.

"She sent me down to Hardscrabble to carry some pieces of patchwork. The minister's wife is goin' off an' they're makin' a silk-bed quilt to give her. Mis' Grimsby sent the squares 'cause she used to know her. There was six squares of silk as big as that," aond Hetty measured pathetically from the tip of her small forefinger to her small, sharp elbow.

"I went through the woods road," she continued. "'Twas splendid, an' I see a rabbit, an' he was so nigh me I could a'most grab him, an' thinks I, he's tame. He ran when I began to try to catch him, an' I ran after him, an' first thing I knew my bundle was all open in my hand, an' it wasn't anything but paper an' string. Every one of the silk pieces had dropped out. I've been hunting ever since an' I ain't found one. I ran into the bushes, you

see, an' it's kind of windy, too. An' now it's comin' on dark an' I've got to go home an' tell her I've lost 'em. An' she said she woudn't cut up that green silk for anything in the world, but just the minister's wife's quilt. Seems as if I couldn't bear to go back to that poorhouse."

The tears were chasing rapidly now down Hetty's forlorn little face.

Dolly had listened without a word. Joey McGuinness had gone limping off home-ward and she had not known it. She did not know that she had taken Hetty's cold little hands in her warm ones. Such a struggle was going on in her impetuous soul! Dolly did love a party, as Margaret said, and with such a dress as that on, for all the girls to see who knew her in darned and outgrown, and cloudy dresses!

"Come into the house, Hetty," she said, and Hetty went, foreseeing only a respite.

"Mother! Girls! all of you, listen!" Dolly poured forth the pitiful little tale of Hetty's woes. "It's mine, isn't it?—the green silk? or, if any of you want it—"

"No it's yours; that was the agreement," said Mother Nickerson, and "It's yours," they all echoed together heartily, even Kate.

Dolly set Hetty Plum up at the table and gave her a pair of shears, while she unfolded the shining breadths before her.

"There. Cut the squares just as nearly the same as you can," said Dolly. "No, you show me and I'll cut, you are trembling so." For little Hetty Plum wanted to sob for joy, and in spite of her effort to control herself her small frame shook.

Snip! snip! went the scissors in Dolly's firm hand.

"It isn't five o'clock yet, although it is so dark," said she. "We'll go down to Hardscrabble together, you and I, Hetty—down three hills and up two, and there we are. We'll be back again before Mrs. Grimsby thinks you've been gone much too long."

And Hetty showed like magic a round, rosy face, instead of one that had been as long as a face in a spoon.

On the very evening of the party Perley Beck stopped at the Nickerson door.

"Not coming? Why, you really must come, every one of you! There are not so many girls in Fallowfield that you can be spared. You needn't stop to dress, you know. Did Lucy Fifield forget to tell you, as I asked her to, that I wanted all the girls, as a favor, to wear their dark woolen dresses? You see, I want to have a candy-pull, and a dance in the barn—which is to be lighted with jack-o'-lanterns. City girls have plenty of dress parties, so I want my friends to have some real country fun. You will come, won't you?"

Come! Of coure they would, every one of them. And in all the merry evening Dolly didn't once remember her darn.

A Tale of Two Squirrels.

One morning Sir Lightfoot ran high up the trees,
And drank in deep breaths of the cool autumn breeze,
And listened awhile to the partridge a-drumming,
While he looked for the signs that winter was coming.

Soon this provident squirrel thus prudently spoke;
"I'll visit each chestnut, each walnut, each oak,
At sunrise each morning, and thus be the first
To gather my stores when the chestnut-burs bursts.

Now Sly Boots was listening and laughed in his sleeve;
"You may take all you can, and still plenty you'll leave!
As for me, I have lots of excursions to make.
And visits to pay, before wintry storms break."

But Lightfoot he called for his gloves and his bag,
And hurried away to the great chestnut Crag
To inquire if Jack Frost had been heard of that way,
And to learn what the trees and their friends had to say.

Next morning he found the red bulletin out—
Jack Frost is expected to-night, without doubt!
With high winds to follow!" He spread the glad news,
And that night half of squirreldom slept in its shoes.

Many mornings thereafter they searched on their knees,
And picked where they would from the well-laden trees,
And gathered, and gathered, until none remained
Save those that were worthless, worm-eaten or stained.

When at length silly Sly Boots, quite gay and exquisite,
Returned to the Crag from a far southern visit,
He found the trees brown and the forest quite bare,
And a vague hint of snow hanging over the air.

So, quite in a panic he rushed to the trees
And hunted around in the wind, on his knees;
But nothing he got but a cold; an', forsooth,
Lay awake half the night with a pain in his tooth.

So, 'midst the great snowstorm which raged on the morrow,
He had either to starve, or to beg, or to borrow;
He thought of' wise Lightfoot, now snug in his nest,
And owned that his way was safest and best.

Very blindly he stumbled along through the snow,
And hard work he found it to tell where to go.
His coat was all draggled, and numb were his toes,
And two big frozen tears crawled along down his nose.

His teeth fairly chattered with cold and with fear,
While he waited for Lightfoot to rise and appear;
Until the latch lifted and Lightfoot peeped out,
And asked what this knocking and fuss was about.

"I'm starving!" cried Sly Boots; "please lend me a nut!"
"Walk in!" said good Lightfoot, and then the door shut.
And we'll hope Sly Boots stayed there, quite cosy and warm.
Safely sheltered at last from the cold and the storm.

But of the two ways which those two squirrels tried.
Which way was the better you'll quickly decide;
So that when you should work, if you're tempted to play,
You may fear to be served as was Sly Boots, some day.

Grandma Pays The Bill.

Before the busy merchant
Stood pretty little Bess,
"I want some cloff for dolly,
Enough to make a dress."

What color? Little lady!"
The pleasant dealer said,
"Why don't you know?" she answered,
"I want it awful red."

He smiled and cut the fabric
For the delighted little Miss.
"What does it cost?" she questioned,
He answered, "Just one kiss."

And then the clerks who heard her.
Went roaring up and down.
"My Dran'ma said she'd pay you,
Next time she tome to town."

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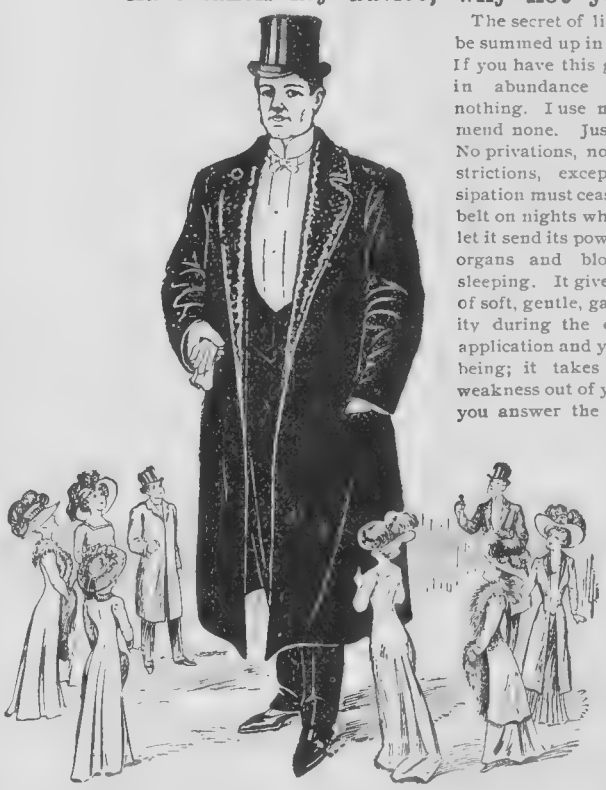

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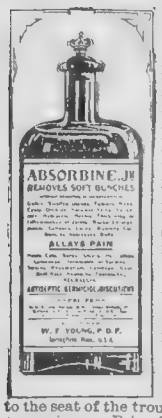

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Boys and Girls.

The Evolution of an Adoption.

He's 'ist a little orfant boy
  W'at goes to school with me;
An' ain't got any parents 'cuz
  His folks is dead, you see.
An' w'en he sees my toys an' things
  My, but his eyes 'ist shine;
An' he ain't got no marbles, so
  I give him half of mine.

An' once it's orful stormy w'en
  It's noon an' he can't go
Back where he works for board an' clo'es
  To get his lunch, an' so
I had some san'wiches an' things
  'At he thought was 'ist fine,
An' 'cuz he didn't have no lunch
  I gave him half of mine.

An' once w'en we went down to fish
  He come along with me,
An' w'en we're there says he 'ist wish
  'At he could fish. You see
He's orful poor an' brought a pole
  But didn't have a line,
An' w'en I saw how bad he felt
  I give him half of mine.

An' one time I 'ist told my Ma
  How he don't have much fun
'Cuz he got no Ma or Pa
  Or Aunt or anyone.
An' 'en I told her how I thought
  'At it would be 'ist fine
'Cuz he ain't got no mother if
  I'd give him half of mine.

He ain't my brother, really true,
  He's 'ist an orfant, so
My Ma she took him, 'cuz she knew
  He had no place to go.
I'm awful glad we got him an'
  My Pa thinks it 'ist fine—
He didn't have no mother, so
  I give him half of mine.

—J. W. Foley.

Weary Willie.

Weary Willie was not a tramp. Far from it. He was a little boy who lived in a comfortable house, wore good clothes, and sat down to three bountiful meals a day. He was considered a fine lad, too; large for his age, sturdy-framed, bright-eyed, and cheeks glowing with health. But, notwithstanding all this, there were times when Willie was tired, very tired. And strange to say, this weariness always came on very suddenly, so suddenly indeed as to be quite alarming. If his father requested him to do a few chores about the place, or his mother wished him to go on a errand, or, perhaps to perform some service in the house, Willie's strength seemed at once to leave him. He was either too tired to do what was required of him, or, if his parents insisted, the task was accomplished in such a dilatory and half-hearted manner, that the result was far from satisfactory. For a time it was thought that there was something wrong with the boy, and the father and mother debated privately whether it would not be a wise thing to have the advice of a physician regarding this run-down condition. Close observation, however, revealed the fact that whenever there was any fun going on, the tired feeling seemed to vanish as quickly as it came.

As Willie grew older, this intermittent weariness of the body became more and more apparent, until it threatened to develop into a chronic state. This naturally gave his parents grave cause for anxiety. After repeated but futile efforts to cure him of this peculiar ailment, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer determined upon a course of action which might eventually teach him a lesson that he would not soon forget. They decided to carry it out on the first opportunity that presented itself.

One snowy afternoon, last winter, as Willie entered the kitchen on his return from school, his mother said to him: "Come, Willie, put on your rubber boots and shovel a path to the gate, and perhaps you may be able to do some of the sidewalk before your father comes home."

Instantly Willie's face fell and he drew a long sigh. "Oh, mother, I am so tired," said he, sinking into the chair, and letting his arms fall heavily to his sides. "I am just worn out."

Instead of insisting, as was her wont, that he should do her bidding, Mrs. Meyer came to his side and smoothing his hair, said consolingly: "Too bad son, that you become tired so easily. We must try and find some cure for it. Your father and I are getting quite anxious about you;" and without more words, she left him and went upstairs to her room.

Glad to get off so easily, Willie sat down by the window, watching the fast falling flakes, and thinking of the fun he would have the next day coasting on his new sled.

Very early next morning, before Willie was up, Mr. Meyer came into his son's room. "It's a grand day, Willie," said he, briskly, "and the snow is in fine shape for coasting. Too bad you're so tired. Your mother and I are really alarmed at this chronic weariness of yours, and we've concluded that you need a good rest. So stay in bed to-day, and keep perfectly quiet. Then, if you feel tired to-morrow, I must call a doctor. Such a state of affairs is not right for a fine, healthy lad as you appear to be."

As Mr. Meyer finished speaking, Willie's face was a study. To stay in bed this bright, beautiful day, when there was nothing the matter with him, and Saturday, too. A great lump came into his throat. "Why, father, I'm not one bit tired," he began.

"Yes, you are, son," put in his father, pleasantly but decidedly, "and the very best way to get rested is to stay right here in bed." and the tone of his voice told Willie that he meant to be obeyed. Mr. Meyer went toward the door. "Good-bye, Willie, hope to find you rested when I come home to-night. I must get to work." He paused for a moment with his hand on the doornob, apparently in deep thought. "It's a queer thing," he remarked, presently, seemingly addressing the door, "how much work there is to do in this world;" and without another word he was gone.

His footsteps had hardly died away when Jane's voice was heard requesting permission to enter. She came in carrying a plate on which there were two slices of unbuttered bread. "Here's your breakfast, Master Willie," said she. "Sure there's cakes and sausages down stairs, but your mother says you must be too tired to eat much, so she sent you this." She put the plate down by the bedside and hurried from the room. "Sure I felt that bad, I could have cried, mum, to see the poor bye looking so forlorn," she told her mistress afterward.

Jane was not the only one who sympathized. Mrs. Meyer's heart ached when she thought of the poor lad lying there alone and miserable all through that bright day, but she would not give in, The medicine might be better, but to effect a complete cure it must be taken.

About ten o'clock, Mrs. Meyer put her head in at her son's door. "Beginning to get rested, Willie?" she asked, not daring to look toward the bed. "Bobbie Blake was just here for you to go up on Indian Hill. He says the coasting is fine there. I told him you were very tired, quite too tired to do anything but stay in bed." She closed the door, giving him no chance to reply.

Poor Willie buried his head in his pillow and put his fingers in his ears to shut out the merry shouts of some boys who were snowballing each other in the field back of the house.

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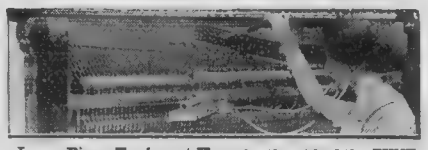

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when required to do a task, was just laziness, downright laziness. There was nothing the matter with him; he was perfectly well, and, as he suddenly remembered, very hungry. At first he had disdained to touch the butterless bread, but now he ate both pieces gladly enough, and wished there was more. As if in answer to his thought, at that moment Jane appeared. Willie looked wistfully at the plate she carried, but, alas, the lunch was but a repetition of the breakfast, two squares of unbuttered bread. Jane put down the plate with a sympathetic sniff, and, not daring to disobey her mistress' orders, left the room without a word.

Willie ate the bread and resigning himself to the inevitable, tried to forget his troubles in sleep. But the bright sun shining in at the window, and the shouts of the boys at play, tantalized him into wakefulness. The hours dragged slowly and the day seemed endless.

About three o'clock his mother paid him a flying visit. "Tom Jennings came for you, Willie. The boys are building a snow house in his yard, and are going to make a fire and roast potatoes and apples," she announced. "I told him that you were too tired to go."

A suspicious sound coming from the bed caused her to retreat hastily from the room. "Poor little lad," she thought, sorrowfully, as she went down stairs; "it's hard, but it's the only way."

At five Mr. Meyer came home and went immediately to his son's room. "Well, Willie," said he, cheerily, "rested yet?? Hello, been crying?"

Willie sat up very straight in bed. Crying! Not he! He winked hard and tried to smile.

"I can only stay a minute," went on his father. "It's snowing again and I have got to get to work. There's a lot of shoveling to be done," and nodding pleasantly he left the room.

The minute the door closed, Willie sprang out of bed and hustled into his clothes. Twenty minutes later, when Mr. Meyer went out on the front porch, he saw a rubberbooted, overcoated little figure busily shoveling a path to the gate. Its back was toward him, but he recognized the red tasseled cap. He stood for a moment, watching and chuckling softly to himself. Presently he called out, "Hello, Willie, is that you?"

"Yes, dad." The shovel was applied still more vigorously, making the snow fly in every direction.

"You're sure you are quite rested, son?" asked Mr, Meyer, anxiously.

Willie turned about, straightened his shoulders and looked his father square in the face. "See here, Dad, I've had all the rest I want for one while. Please go in the house. I'm going to shovel this path, and, I say, Dad." he called after the retreating form, "when I get through I want a good, square meal."

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Bounce Battle: A Game For Boys.

This is one of the greatest sports you can imagine and has the advantage of being almost as much fun for two players as for twenty, besides being a spectacle that even grown ups are always eager to see. The reason for this is that to win requires brains, strength, skill, quickness and courage just as much as football, or baseball, although it has none of the roughness of football and requires no training.

It is a very, very old game, and was played centuries ago when all the gentlemen wore plumed hats and swords, and the funny clothes that the pictures in your histories show. Later it was played in the English army, and is still, to this day, a favorite sport among British soldiers garrisoned in foreign lands. The schoolboys at Eton and Harrow, the great English schools, play it, too, but on certain days, making a formal function of it just like the freshmen and soph spreads over here.

It is called "cock fighting" there, but as the American version is a little different, we use a name of our own.

A boy bends over until his elbows are below his knees, and clasps his hands about his shins. A comrade thrusts a smooth, round stick through the joints of his knees and elbows, as shown in the picture, and he is "trussed" and all ready for the fray. Another boy of about the same size and weight is similarly prepared and the contest may begin.

When you are "trussed" in this manner, you will find that the only way you can go about is by little hops of a few inches, and even then, unless you are careful, you will lose your balance and roll over on your back and find that no matter how you try, you cannot regain your feet without unclasping your hands and removing the stick. The game itself is very simple. It is just to push your opponent off his feet and send him tumbling while you maintain your balance in triumph. There are a number of ways to do this; a gentle shove with the shoulder, a jog with an elbow or a jolt with a hip will all cause his downfall, if delivered at the right time. The keynote of success is to time your attack so that it will catch your opponent just when his balance is in danger. If you should hop directly against him the chances are that he would be all braced to meet you and you might be shoved over yourself, or he might dexterously hop to one side just as you lunged forward so that you would topple over from your own momentum. An effective mode of attack is to hop swiftly toward him and, just as he expects the shock to come, hop to one side. He will lean forward to meet your charge, and as at the last minute you do not push him after all, he will probably lean too far and topple over forward. Or if you try this feint once or twice without success, hop directly against him, and as he expects you to dodge again without touching him, he will not be properly braced and you will shove

him over backward. There are few contests of strength and skill that give such chances for a display of generalship.

A bounce battle tournament is great fun and a bounce battle game between two teams of six players each is sure to draw a large audience. Best of all is a bounce battle royal, where a dozen or more players all engage at once, each one for himself, and the one who keeps his feet the longest is the victor.

Some English schoolboys decided they wanted to build a club house, and they did it, too, with the aid of bounce battle, or "cock fighting," as they call it. First they had a tournament, charging admission. Only about twenty people came the first day. Some thirty boys were entered and they all divided in pairs and went at it one pair at a time, with an umpire and timekeeper to direct the contest. Each pair were allowed five minutes for their "battle," and if by the end of that time both were on their feet it was called a draw and another pair took their places.

About three minutes elapsed between the bouts, and for an hour and a half the audience laughed themselves hoarse over the funny incidents that took place in every bout. Eight contestants went down in defeat and eight victors prepared to fight another day, and two pairs were credited with drawn matches. The spectators went home full of enthusiasm over the sport, and the next day 200 spectators saw the semi-finals. These were even better than the bouts of the preceding day, and seven minutes was the time fixed for each contest. On the third day the finals were held and a third added to the price of admission, and, as it was a bank holi-

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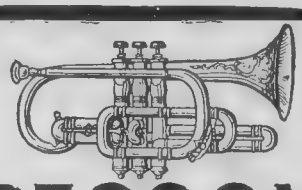

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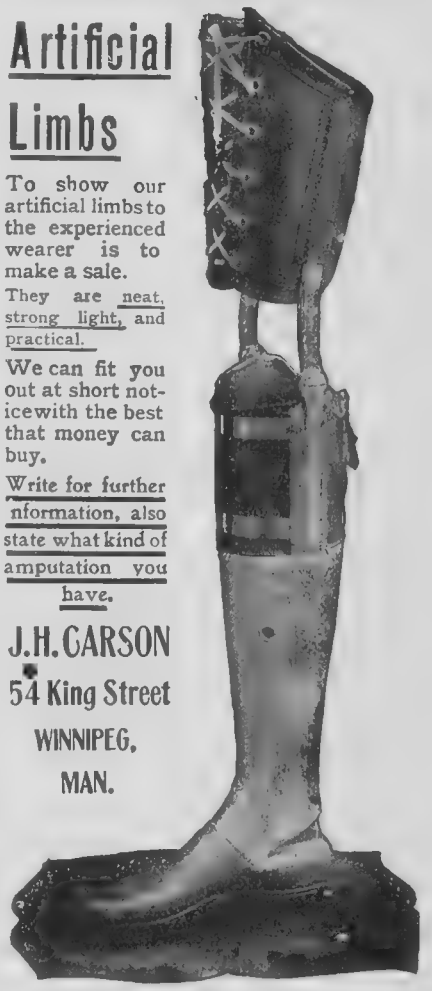

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It sometimes happens, however, from a variety of causes, that the blood becomes congested in certain portions of the body. This means that the blood vessels in these parts become weakened, and the circulation in that section of the body becomes sluggish and stagnant. The consequence is that the dead matter in that part of the body is only partially carried away, and that but little of the new, vital matter is introduced there to build up and strengthen the tissues and nerves.

This condition invariably exists in all cases of female disorders. The dead matter retained in the circulation, which should have been expelled, causes irritation and inflammation of the delicate memberane, and oppresses the nerve centres. This condition is the cause of the grievous physical and mental suffering which accompanies female troubles.

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The "Blacks" had a flying wedge formation and the "Whites" elected to charge in two divisions of three players each, one assailing the enemy from behind. As soon as a player was "downed" he was to be out of the game and his side thus weakened by the loss of a man, and they contrived sudden flanking movements of the whole team to pick off individual players.

The secretary of the club sketched several big posters showing incidents in the game and put them in conspicuous places about town. When the day of the game came they had to print more tickets and after three games had been played four other teams sprang up among other "crowds" of boys and a series of championship contests were arranged in a big hall loaned for the purpose by a gentleman who had been an enthusiastic spectator of every game.

The battle royal was the last of the lot, and it packed that hall to the doors. The boys were able to offer a handsome silver cup as a prize, and when they counted their receipts they found that their longed-for clubhouse was at last within reach.

It would take a page to tell the fun and benefit there is in the game, but one trial will show you, and you and all who see it will become Bounce Battle enthusiastic. Try it.

How to Make a Kite.

In the Old Country and even in Eastern Canada one of the very essential features in the make-up of a boy's experience is the constructing of a kite that will really "fly." It is really surprising how few of our western boys know the art, and how seldom during our visits to the country we see kites flying overhead. Perhaps we are too busy in the west. Indeed we may consider this form of sport out-of-date. But soon the warm spring winds will be blowing across the prairie, and almost before we know it, kite-season will be upon us.

In China and Japan the boys look upon this sport as the very best and they make very beautiful kites of many different shapes and sizes and decorate them in all colors. But for most of us in this country the plain four-cornered or cross-shaped kite is perhaps the best, being easily made and requiring only the simplest materials.

If you will follow these directions carefully, the result will prove to be something that will give you a good deal of satisfaction. Procure a nice straight piece of sound cedar or pine, in fact light wood of any kind will fill the purpose providing it is straight and free from knots. With a sharp knife cut it to a length of four feet, making it about three quarters of an inch in width, and one quarter inch in thickness. With a rule mark off a point one foot four inches from one end. Prepare another strip similar to this one making it only two feet, eight inches in length. With your rule find the middle point in this stick and mark it plainly. Now take the two sticks and cross them at right angles, firmly binding them together at the two points marked, with strong cord. When this is done you should have a perfect cross. Next notch the four ends of the sticks. At the top tie one end of a fairly long cord and passing it over the notched top bring it down to the right arm of the cross. Draw it tightly and tie it. In the same way pass the cord completely around the cross making it fast and taking care not to pull the cross out of shape. This is the framework of your kite. Next spread a large sheet of paper on the floor, and placing the framework on it, cut your paper much as a dressmaker cuts cloth to a pattern, leaving a margin of about two inches all around. Fold this margin over the string all round and paste it down solidly. Your kite is now complete. It will be stronger with a double covering of paper.

But your kite will not fly without a "tail." Tear some old newspaper up into pieces about six inches square. Fasten these about four inches apart to a long string until the tail is about twice as long as the kite. Tit one end of the tail to the bottom of the kite. Take a ball of stout twine, pierce the paper cover at a point opposite where the sticks cross, and sticking the end of the twine through, tie it firmly around the sticks. Your kite is now ready. Bring it out when the wind is steady but not too strong and you will easily learn how it must be handled in order to make it fly. If it "dives" put a longer tail on it. Do not use too heavy twine to fly it.

"What Do you Mean to Be, David"?

David was acting as cabin boy to his father, brave George Farragut, who had taken part in the Revolutionary and the Indian wars, and who, on this occasion, as sailing master of the fleet, was on his way to New Orleans with the infant navy of the United States. The boy thought he had the qualities that make a man. "I could swear like an old salt," he says, "could drink as stiff a glass a grog as if I had doubled Cape Horn, and could smoke like a locomotive. I was great at cards, and was very fond of gambling in every shape. At the close of dinner, one day," he continued, as the story is related by William M. Thayer, "my father turned everybody out of the cabin, locked the door and said to me: 'David, what do you mean to be?'

"'I mean to follow the sea,' I said.

"'Follow the sea!' exclaimed his father; 'yes, be a poor, miserable, drunken sailor before the mast, kicked and cuffed about the world, and die in a fever-hospital in some foreign clime!'

"'No, father,' I replied, 'I will tread the quarter-deck, and command, as you do.'

"'No, David; no boy ever trod the quarter-deck with such principles as you have, and such habits as you exhibit. You will have to change your whole course of life, if you ever become a man.'

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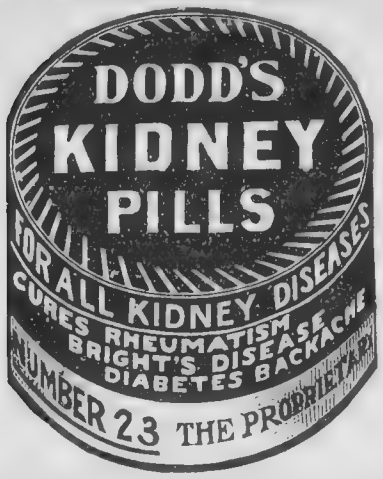

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"I want a brave man for a husband," sneered the young girl.

"The young man who marries you will have to be brave," sneered the youth in return.—Detroit Free Press.

He Got Married.

Our cook, said the family man, had a beau who called on her often, but finally his visits ceased. I asked her one day what had become of her former attentive beau, and she said he had got married.

"Since he got married," said she, "he don't come around any more."

"Married!" said I, surprised. "Why, I thought he would marry you!"

"So he did," said the cook.—Browning's Magazine.

The Joke on Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegie, at a recent dinner, told the following story:

"I was travelling Londonward on an English railway last year," he said, "and had chosen a seat in a non-smoking carriage. At a wayside station a man boarded the train, sat down in my compartment, and lighted a vile clay pipe.

"'This is not a smoking-carriage,' said I.

"'All right, governor,' said the man. 'I'll just finish this pipe here.'

"He finished it, then refilled it.

"'See here,' I said. 'I told you this wasn't a smoking-carriage. If you persist with that pipe I shall report you at the next station to the guard.

"I handed him my card. He looked at it, pocketed it, but lighted his pipe, nevertheless. At the next station, however, he changed to another compartment.

"Calling the guard, I told him what had occurred, and demanded that the smoker's name and address be taken.

"'Yes, sir,' said the guard, and hurried away. In a little while he returned. He seemed rather awed. He bent over me and said apologetically:

"'Do you know, sir, if I were you I would not prosecute that gent. He has just given me his card. Here it is. He is Andrew Carnegie.'"

The Answered Prayer.

The following story is typical of one kind of Italian humor: Fasolacci was a young idler. He had been spending money right and left, and one day found himself unable to pay his hotel bill. His father being very close with his money, he appealed to an uncle in this wise:

Dear Uncle.

If you could see my shame while I write you would pity me. Do you know why? Because I have to write for 100 francs and know not how to express my humble gratitude.

No, it is impossible to tell you; I prefer to die.

I send you this by a messenger who awaits an answer.

Believe me, dear uncle, to be your most obedient and affectionate nephew.

FASOLACCI.

P.S.—Overcome with shame for what I have written, I have been running after the messenger in order to take the letter, but I could not catch up. Heaven grant that something may happen to stop him, or that this letter may get lost!

Touched by this appeal the uncle replied:

My Beloved Nephew:

Console yourself and blush no longer. Providence heard your prayer. The messenger lost your letter. Good-bye. Your affectionate uncle,

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'Immortal Fish."

Mr. Harold Simpson is entitled to a place in the front rank of those who have a fancy and a faculty for telling "tall" fishing stories. In the Fishing Gazette he publishes the following:—

"Yes," said the Major as he lighted his cigar, "it was up in Canada, when I was quartered there in '88. We had got six months' leave and went up the river in a little sailing boat. As luck would have it, we ran aground while trying a rather difficult bit of navigation and damaged our craft so much that there was no going on in her. However we struck a settler's hut not far away and put up with him for a day or two while he helped us to repair the boat. Just before we left he asked us if we should like some fishing on a lake a few miles away. 'It belongs to me,' he said, 'but I have never fished it, nor any one else for that matter. In fact I don't believe it has ever been touched since the days of creation.' We jumped at this offer naturally, and he lent us his boat—something between a punt and a canoe, but very light and easy to carry. Accordingly we stocked her with provisions and started off.

"We got there in the evening, or what we imagined to be evening, for as to seeing the lake it was impossible, so thick was the forest that grew around it. But we could tell by the lay of the trees that there was a piece of water there. Well, gentlemen, we started cutting our way through. Ever seen a primaeval forest? I expect not. It took us two days and a half, which will give you some idea of what we had to go through. We would cut our way for a hundred yards or so and then come back and fetch the boat to the furthest point that we had cleared.. At night we camped under it on the spot where we had knocked off work for the day. We got there at last however and found a lake about five miles long by three broad. A nice bit of water it looked, and we got out in the boat and started fishing about ten o'clock one morning.

"Now, gentlemen, I have not the slightest wish to exaggerate, but any fool could have caught fish in that lake. I assure you, upon my word of honor, that, had we been absolute novices, we could, if we had been able to cast a couple of thousand flies on the water at the same time, have hooked a couple of thousand trout The result was that after about two hours of it we began to get exhausted. My arms were aching, and I could hardly hold the rod. We agreed to knock off. But just as we were about to make for the shore we discovered that a terrible thing had happened. We had filled the boat so full of fish that it was beginning to sink. There was only one thing to do. Here we were in the middle of a big lake in a boat that was rapidly filling. We commenced to shovel out fish as fast as we could. Perhaps some of you have been in a leaking boat and tried to bale her out against time when you knew that the water was gaining on you every minute. Well, that was just our state, only we were bailing out fish instead of water."

"Did you get to the shore without a ducking?" some one asked, when he seemed to have finished.

"Yes," said the Major, "we just managed it. But that was not the most wonderful part of the whole thing."

A chorus of questions assailed him. "Well," said he, "the extraordinary part of it was this. Every one of the fish that we threw overboard revived and swam away as if nothing had happened. They had been there for so many centuries that they had become immortal."

The Poster and the Pants.

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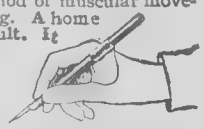

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baby, standing with its back to the beholder.

A Drogheda priest was so shocked that, by way of protest, he caused short trousers to be painted over the limbs of the nude little one.

This has evoked the following humorous lines from the pen of another minister, a man of somewhat broader views as to the proprieties:

Indeed it was shocking,
Not even a stocking,
As naked as naked could be.
It really was rude,
The child was quite nude,
The priest said 'twas not fit to see.

"If you put on some trousers
Then I will allow, sirs,
The picture to stay," said he.
The elderly aunts
Watched them putting on pants
As proper and prim as could be.
But the artist cried "Oh!
Why, didn't you know?
I intended that child for a she!"

The Difference.

"What," she asked, "is your idea of the difference between verses and poetry?"

"Well," replied Bradley, "I heard of a fellow the other day who had made a fortune writing verses. That's the principal difference."

Leading up Gradually.

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you fully insured?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk, "I am."

"Could I interest you in a morocco-bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"

"You could not."

"Don't you want a germ-proof filter at your house?"

"I do not."

"Would an offer to supply you with first-class imported Havana cigars at $10 a hundred appeal to you?"

"Not at all."

"How would a proposal to sell you a dictionary, slightly shelf-worn, for only $25, strike you?"

"It wouldn't come within forty miles of hitting me."

"That being the case," said the caller, "would you be willing to buy a five-cent box of boot polish just to get rid of me?"

"Great Scott! Yes."

"Thanks. Good-day."

Slips of the Tongue.

"Tongue-twisters are the actor's bane," an actor once said. "Lose your head on the stage and you are bound to say something as funny as the young preacher who declared, 'Now, Rababbas was a bobber.'

"'You make me a boff and a skyward!' I once shouted in a drama."

But the actor is not the only offender in this respect. It is related of a celebrated portrait painter, for instance, that, having painted the portrait of a lady, a critic entered the studio and exclaimed:—

"It is nicely painted but why take such an ugly model?" Came the calm reply, "It's my mother." A thousand pardons," replied the critic, in confusion. "I ought to have perceived it, of course. She completely resembles you."

A woman who took refuge in a shop during a heavy rain and remarked how quiet trade was with the owner was annoyed because his explanation of dull business was: "But just look at the weather! What respectable lady would venture outdoors in it?"

Here is another instance of ambiguity. A doctor said to a patient's wife: "Why did you delay sending for me until he was out of his mind?"

"Oh, doctor," replied his wife, "while he was in his right mind he wouldn't let me send for you."

In Accordance with the "Ads."

At first it looked like a furious game of football. Then the visitor to Timmin's Tinned Fruit Factory perceived that what the employees were kicking about the floor was not a ball but a large pineapple.

"Dear—dear me!" exclaimed the visitor. "How extraordinary! What are you kicking that pineapple about for?"

One of the men stopped, breathless, from his labors.

"We're trying," he explained, "to get it up on that table so we can put it into the tins."

"Of all the foolishness!" cried the bewildered visitor. "Why on earth don't you just pick it up?"

"Great Scott!" cried the employee, horrified. It's against all the rules. We'd lose our fifty years' standard of purity! Haven't you ever read the advertisement of Timmins's Tinned Fruit, in which it is definitely stated that none of our products are touched by the hand from the time they enter the factory until they are opened on your kitchen table?"

Neither up Nor Down.

A story is told of a Frenchman who was very anxious to see an English business man at his home. The first morning when he called at the house the maid replied to his query.—

"The master is not down yet," meaning downstairs.

The following morning he called again, and was met with:—

"The master is not up yet," meaning that he had not yet arisen from his bed.

The Frenchman, looking at her with doubtful eye, paused for a few seconds.

"Eet ees very deef'cult, but eef ze mademoiselle will tell me when ze master will be neither up nor down, but in ze middle, zen I vill call at zat time."

Not worth Having.

He was employed by a City firm of dealers in bric-a-brac and old furniture to scour rural municipalities in search of antiques, and suddenly he espied an old-fashioned cottage nestling at the foot of a hill.

Surely here, in this old-world spot, there would be something in this line.

He knocked sharply at the door, and a weary-looking woman answered.

"Do you happen to have any antique furniture, madam?" he asked. "Or any old ornaments, such as heathen idols, or the like?"

The woman looked somewhat puzzled for a moment.

"I think I've got one," she said at length.

Agog with expectation, he followed her into the house and to a room where lay a hulking fellow who was fast asleep on a couch.

"There it is," she replied, pointing to the couch. "He's the only idle thing I've got in the place—hasn't done any work for years. He may do for you, but he's certainly no ornament."

The Prince who Apologized

Here is a story of King Edward's childhood, which shows that "boys are boys" all the world over, and whatever their station in life may be.

A soldier returned from the Crimea where he had fought bravely and well, was performing sentry duty at the grand entrance to Windsor Castle, when Queen Victoria came along on foot with the boy Prince of Wales.

The prince was a little behind his mother, and when she had turned a corner he slyly picked up a pebble and threw it at the sentinel. The stone struck his gun and made a rattle.

The queen heard it, and, turning round, quickly went up to the soldier

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and asked him if the prince had thrown a stone at him.

"Yes," was the reply, "but he has done me no harm."

But the queen immediately called the prince back.

"Take off your cap, sir, and apologize," she commanded, and, of course, the boy had to do as the queen said. And it was a very humble little prince who listened to his mother's words about "honoring those to whom honor is due" as they walked up the path to the castle.

Crescendo.

Farmer James was in a towering passion. He had received a letter—an insulting letter—an outrageous letter. By gosh! But what a reply he'd send to it!

Red with rage he burst into the office of the village solicitor.

"Look at that!" he roared; and cast the offensive epistle on the table.

The solicitor looked at it.

"Well?" shouted James.

"Well?" replied the solicitor.

"I want you ter write him, an' tell him this tomfoolery's got ter stop. I know what I want to say, but I ain't got the learnin' ter put it just right."

"Well, what am I to say?" The solicitor took up his pen.

For a minute or two Jeames stood speechless.

"Waal," he blurted out at last, "begin by tellin' him he's the durndest, lyinest, thievinest, low-downest skunk on earth, an' then—then work up."

A Desperate Case.

The visiting minister was walking along the shady country road to the chapel where he was to preach that day, when he saw a little boy fishing in a brook near by.

"My son," he said, "don't you know it is wrong to do that on Sunday?"

"Wrong!" exclaimed the boy, "why, the minister is coming to our house to dinner to-day, and we ain't got no meat."

A Man of Importance.

A passenger had fallen into the sea from the deck of a Hamburg-American liner.

"Man overboard!" yelled the sailor.

"What do you mean with your 'Man overboard'?" shouted the captain, who heard the call. "Graf Hermann von Finklestein, Duke of Suabia and Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, is overboard."

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The office boy using the telephone for the first time in his life, and not knowing how to use it, was told that when the bell rang, he was to answer it.

When he heard it ring, he picked up the receiver and shouted, "Hello! Who's there?"

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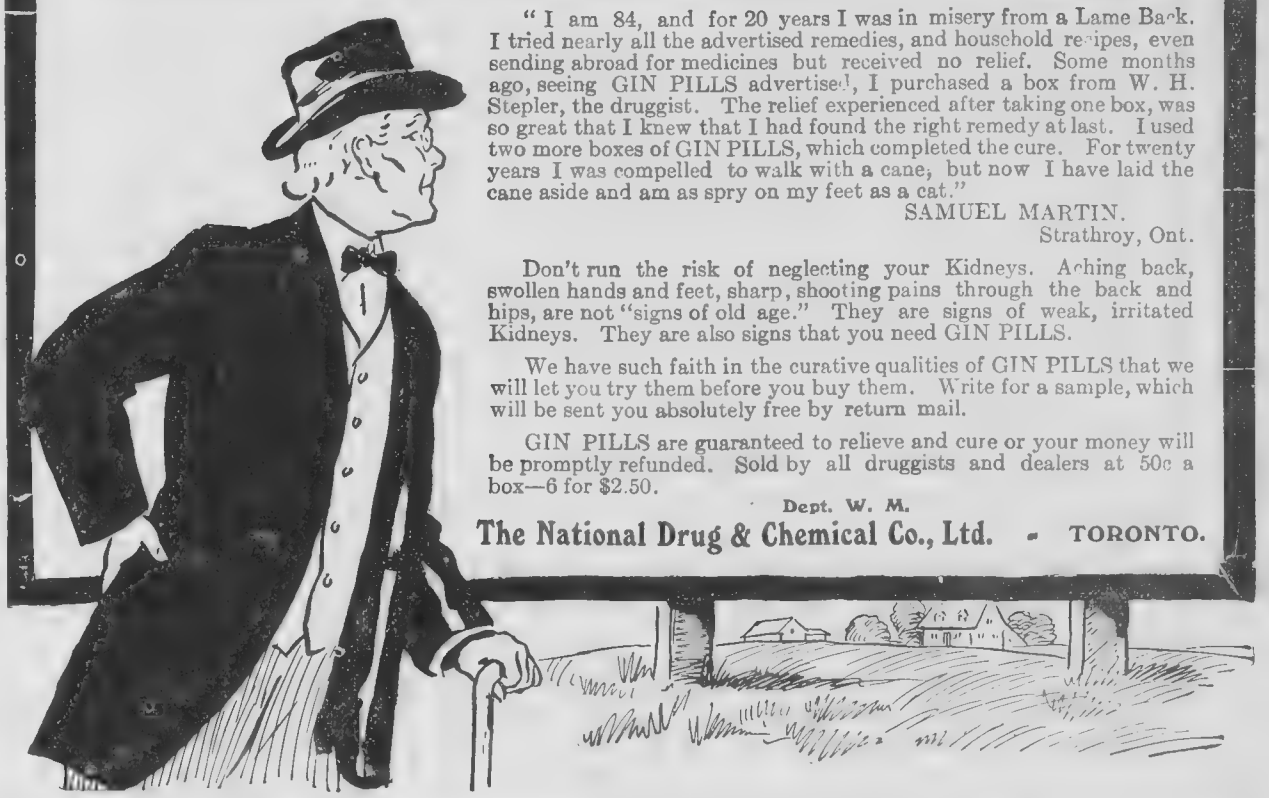

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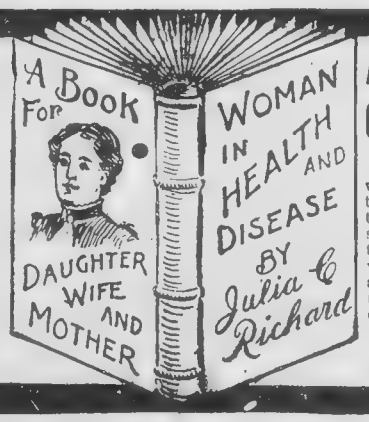

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"'Indeed!' said the king; 'tell me of your great possessions.'

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"'You are right,' said the king, with a laugh; 'but your greatest treasure is a contented heart. Keep it so, and you will always be happy; happier, yes, and richer perhaps, than the king.'"—Exchange.

A Spendthrift.

Publican—"And how do you like being married, John?"

John—"Don't like it at all."

Publican—"Why, what's the matter wi' she, John?"

John—"Well, first thing in the morning it's money; when I goes 'ome to my dinner it's money again, and at supper it's the same. Nothing but money, money, money!"

Publican—"Well, I never! What do she do wi' all that money?"

John—I dunno. I ain't given her any yet."

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A little girl who had a live bantam presented to her was disappointed at the smallness of the first egg laid by the bird. Her ideal egg was that of an ostrich, a specimen of which was on a table in the drawing-room. One day the ostrich's egg was missing from its accustomed place. It was subsequently found near the spot where the bantam nested, and on it was stuck a piece of paper with the words: "Something like this, please. Keep on trying."

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And whir of wings, that swept the sunshine through.
I felt soft touches of the wind, at play,
Lift from my tired brow loose slips of hair,
And kiss my cheek . . . the tear that trembled there.
Oh, strangest charm! . . . I did not dream, but still
The magic of a dream entranced the day.
Some one had placed upon my window-sill
A tiny crystal cup, and in it lay
A single white sweet blossom of the May!

Russian Wisdom.

The wisdom of Solomon prevails to some extent even among the judicial dignitaries of Russia. This is evident from the following ingenious device invented by one of them to discover on which side truth and justice lay in a rather difficult case that came before him recently. In the university town of Dorpat, a prosaic, plodding farmer complained to a judge that he had been defrauded by the defendant of twenty roubles—about three pounds sterling. "I bought a cow from him—he is a peasant, your honor," he explained—"and I first paid for the animal, and then asked him to drive it from the market-place into my yard. This he agreed to do. Well, when he had the cow close to my barn, he refused to budge a step further unless I paid him twenty roubles, saying that he had received nothing from me. This was a bare-faced lie, because I paid him the money a few minutes before." "Where are your witnesses?" asked the judge. "Witnesses! I have not a single witness. What are witnesses for? Doesn't he know right well that I paid him?" "Did he pay you the money?" asked the judge of the defendant. "I never saw the color of it, your honor. Why, if he had paid me, do you think—" "That will do," exclaimed the judge; "the plaintiff's claim, unsupported by witnesses or evidence of any kind, is null and void. He seems an honest fellow, though, and has evidently lost his twenty roubles. Let's make up a little subscription for him. I head the list with five roubles. Won't you give something, too?" inquired the judge of the defendant, who had won the suit. "That I will," eagerly exclaimed the triumphant suitor, "with a whole heart! Will three roubles do? Here's the note!" The judge took the three-rouble note, examined it critically, looked suspiciously at the giver, and said—"You dare to utter false money in an imperial court of justice! Where did you get this forged money?" The man turned red and white, gave a series of explanations that contradicted each other, muttered and floundered from lie to lie, till at last in despair he cried out—"If you want to know the whole truth, here it is! This forged note belongs to the plaintiff. He did pay me twenty roubles for the cow, the rascal, but he paid me in forged notes, and that's one of them! It all amounts to just what I said—that he didn't pay me at all, and it's he that must go to Siberia for uttering forged notes, not I! I am as innocent as the babe unborn." The dishonest defendant, by his own confession an infamous perjurer, was astounded to learn that the notes he had received were as good as the best that came into the empire of the Tsar. He had been cleverly tricked by the wise judge.

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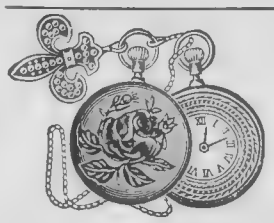
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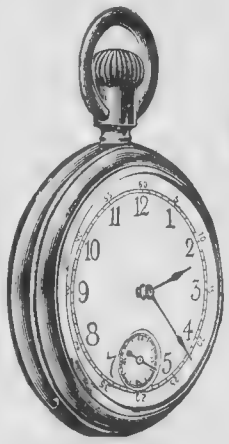
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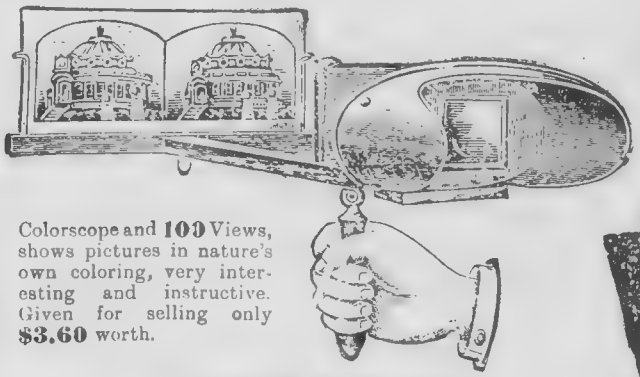
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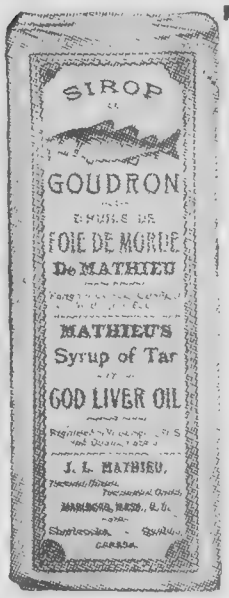

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If corporal punishmnt of children can be shown to be unjust it will follow by inevitable consequence that it is unwise. Wisdom and injustice having no company with each other, our examination of the questions might confine itself to the first, if we sought to settle the difficulties and answer subtle questions from the premises of foregone conclusion.

But since, at least, there may be times when corporal punisnment might be received as just, it seems fair to attempt a distinction between methods, and come to an understanding of their wisdom or the lack of it, their justice or injustice, as the case may be.

Some parents act upon the impossible supposition that a whipping is the only way of correction; some suppose it is the surest, quickest, and most convenient, and here I feel is much of the difficulty—the impatience of the parent. All of these tacitly suppose a rule that most children need it, with an exception of a few who do not. But I do not hesitate to say that undoubtedly the rule is the reverse of this, and while I admit that some children may be incorrigible without corporal punishment, I insist that the great majority of children may be corrected without it.

Right here it seems to the point that one reason why corporal punishment of children is sometimes genuinely necessary, under the given circumstances, is that it is inevitable where the parents are capable of no better method. Where correction cannot proceed from love, with concern for the welfare of the child, and that wisdom that is capable of rule, it will be seen that the defects of the parent will largely mold the discipline of the child.

Rule by Love, If Possible.

Is corporal punishment ever advisable? I would answer that it is never advisable, but sometimes inevitable; never to be advised, any more than war should be encouraged, but where all other intelligent and conscientious means fail, either because the child is such a child that he may not be persuaded otherwise, or in such a mood that he cannot appreciate other methods at the time, then it were better he were spanked than that he rule. Again, as said before, the parent must look within himself, prove to himself that by love and wisdom he is capable of rule, before he lays it down that no other means than force will mold the child. When should it be applied? When all other and better methods fail. Probably, also, in the last analysis of the question, the parent whose heart and mind cannot rule the child, cannot rule the child.

For the bringing up of children is constructive or a failure. Iconoclastic methods do not effect construction and every violence produces its own kind and fruit. We do not gather figs from thistles. How young should it be applied?

Bodily Punishment at First.

It is said by oculists that development proceeds by sevens of years, and that a child is conscious first bodily, so far as normal conscious development goes; then in those primary activities of the soul that characterize the maturer child; and finally, spiritually. Development undoubtedly does proceed by sevens of years, and Roman Catholic theology teaches that the age of seven years represents the point of transition from the unevolved state of innocence to that of moral consciousness. Therefore, it seems, that while the mischief of a young child should be viewed apart from that conscious and responsible guilt of later years, nevertheless as the child is living mainly in the bodily senses, it will be found that here is the point at which, being most conscious, he is most effectively teachable. Therefore, in answer to the question, How young should it be applied? I would answer, before the age of seven, and always with a guard against roughness or carelessness, and always without bad temper, for as fire appeals to fire on the physical plane, all experience proves it does on the plane of the emotions. So that if we would quiet someone, we must ourselves keep quiet. Moreover and above this, and right here in answer to the question, If it be wrong in itself, why is it so? I think our question is answered. Anger, bad temper, and ill will are near akin to hatred, and it has been asked, "Hatest a man the thing he would not kill?" Of course this is speaking of that representative, that developed hatred that brawls and warfare exemplify, and the lesser degree of hatred, or even ill will or bad temper, is ever ready to risk injury to the person who provokes the passion.

So much of the willingness to risk bodily injury that the blindness of bad temper provokes, but there is another and even deeper matter here: The total disregard for the physical effects of this emotional assault and battery upon the child. The mere physical chastisement were enough alone to stir the temper of the child, but this, ensouled with the bad temper of a provoked parent, is twice too much.

Baffling Cases.

But there are other chastisements that, as a rule, may have much the better of the spanking as a discipline. Nevertheless, I have known children who do not appreciate either the threat to deprive them of something for which they care, or the privation when one fulfils the threat. They stare stoically when the threat is made, and utter no complaint when it is fulfilled; but seem, in some manner of good nature, to forget both, showing that their naughtiness was mere mischief. This is sometimes true of young children, seldom of older ones, and is more characteristic of the innocent state than of the guilty. Therefore it is clear that the method must vary with the temperament of the child; that a spanking (not a thrashing) may humble a small child when he cannot, apparently, be corrected otherwise; that he will be more susceptible to a physical reminder of some sort because he is principally conscious physically; but that there are many ways and often better ways than whipping. Is it (corporal punishment) more needed in the case of boys than of girls? It would seem to me that of the severe disciplines, in general and particular, boys are the more in need of them and the better able physically and temperamently to take them, and that though girls may be very imprudent, boys are the more apt to be obdurate and unyielding. The child who is manifestly in the wrong must yield. That is our first postulate of government. Then there comes the available means—then the better means.

I know a young child who is humbled and reduced to order by an occasional spanking (not thrashing) who does not appreciate threats, withholdings, or privations, owing, I am sure, to his constitutional good nature; whose spirits are so alive and whose physical condition so vigorous that he is simply like a colt turned loose, and whose punishable doings are mere mischief, but, nevertheless, mischief that must know or learn its bounds. Lock him in a room, and he will have just a beautiful time. But it is only once in a while that he ever needs to get a spanking; generally a positive command in good earnest will bring him to an understanding.

I also know an instance, for example, where corporal punishment did more harm than good; that it did no good to the boy whose back the teacher scored with blisters and stripes, and it did no good to the teacher—and this, perchance, were timely warning to others—for my granduncle very fairly mopped the schoolhouse floor with him. So much for the question of harm and good known to the experience of the writer.

Is the parent less beloved, in after years, who administers corporal punishment in a conscientious manner? As the question of conscientiousness of a hypothetical parent is so subtle and the temperament of this child, or that,

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so much at stake, in its relation to the parent, there is a practical difficulty in the answer. Nevertheless, I consider, though a child of one temperament might shed the memory of either conscientious or more or less arbitrary corporal punishment as a duck sheds water, a child of different temperament might even feel a certain estrangement caused by temperate corporal punishments with conscientious motive, a sensitive child nursing the humiliation of the mere facts, and regardless of the parent's conscientiousness. It is evident and known that children form exaggerated impressions purely from feeling. Memories of punishments in childhood days at once revive the impressions of the child from feeling, at the time, and therefore, temperamental; while the possible new view of maturer judgment and years does not necessarily predicate mature appreciation, depending absolutely upon the judicial maturity of the individual, temperamentally, mentally, morally and spiritually, to the very last.

What are some of the substitutes for corporal punishment? Which, in the experience or observation of the reader, has proved the most effective and human? I should say that the substitution of the higher method of punishment, or, better yet, of inducing obedience, with the child's will at cross purposes with the parent's, is going to begin with the self-culture of the parent. For what is the power of inducing obedience if it be not the unmistakable evidence from the parent to the child of a certain superiority. When this superiority is not present, at least relatively, to a child on a wrong path, with the parent on the right—or in the form of a parent's genuine superiority of appreciation—mere force will never end as the master of the child. The ingenuity and adroitness of primitive man have very fairly co-operated in the extinction of animals of the vastest bulk. The mere kicking power of a mastodon is approximately nothing. In general, then, let the parent be loving, where so many treat children as mere goods or possessions; appreciative of the child, of the situation, of probable results, in realization of the child's limitations, in sympathy on general principles, and just, with a sense of the serious need of a discipline that shall not permit the child to master on the wrong path. The substitutes for corporal punishment, then, do not proceed from these sources, may be less offensive than corporal punishment, but not effective with that mastery that all nature recognizes, the mastery of the real master.

It has been said that he who aspires to a part in the rule of the world must first rule himself; a tenet that needs neither explanation nor apology. For as the man who, in violence, runs counter to the Universal Rule, must sooner or later call for quarter, so the man who, according to his stature, falls in with the Universal Will, has the functions of that will, according to his measure, and the energies of the universe behind him.

Mind and Heart Must Rule.

In the last analysis of rule, then, as I said, the parent whose heart and mind cannot rule the child, cannot rule the child. All history evinces the futility of mere chains, inclosures, and the like. Brands, blue laws, scarlet letters, stocks and ducking tools are out of date. When a child will not stand still or keep still long enough to bear correction or rebuke, some means of detaining him is the first thing; take him by the two arms and hold him while the instruction is put to him. If he cannot be made to understand, he must be made to feel, and words in earnest or a categorical command from a parent whose experience has taught the child to recognize as one who says definitely what he means will generally suffice. Where a child, either from his little years or for whatever other reason, is obdurate to words, commands, or those appeals to his best nature that always should be made where they may take root in the chill's affection for the father or mother, he should be made to feel, if he cannot be induced to understand, for on the wrong path he must not rule. For a precedent once established, once the child begins to realize that he can evade or overrule the parent, the mere consciousness of it, together with a little exercise, will not take long to develop

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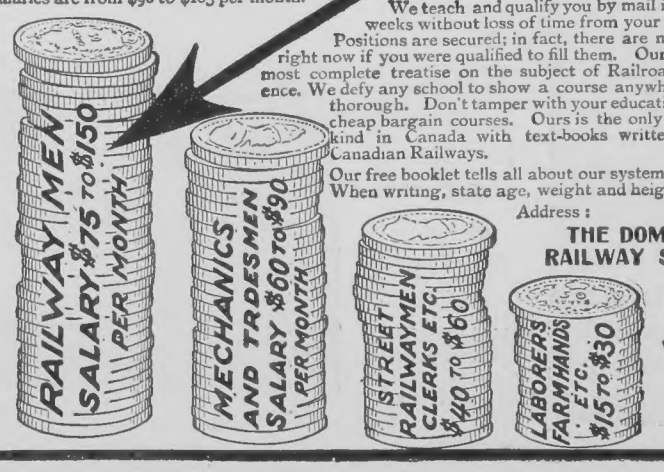

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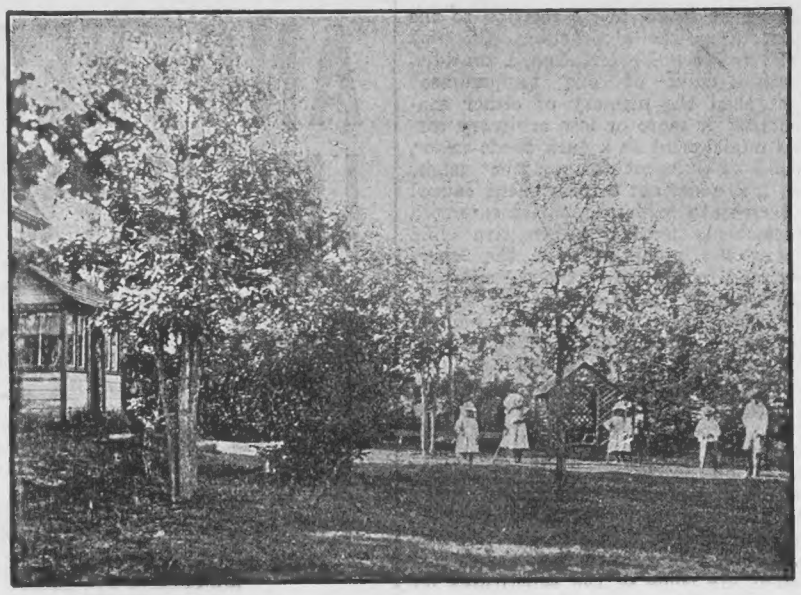

Men and women of to-morrow.

into selfish and unfeeling disobedience and disregard. Except in those cases where privations mean nothing, and these are confined, I would say, entirely to young children, for as the desires grow, so may the privations be felt, the punishment by enforced sacrifices is often a fair substitute for whippings. Though it may be urged that to compel sacrifices would be to weaken the spirit of voluntary sacrifice essential to the spiritual growth in later years, and this may be supported thus far: that children undoubtedly do form aversions for particular duties that are merely forced upon them; yet this may not be denied: that the sacrifices that nature forces upon us with an iron hand are not without their teaching power, as all life itself makes clear to anyone who will think about it.

For as the child, and I personally know such, whose parents are at pain to clear him of all sacrifice, sacrificing themselves and the child's best good at the same time that he may know no want unsatisfied, will surely expect the sacrifice of others to his desires that he may have all that he desires, so the development of character and the evolution of unselfishness in the child absolutely depend upon a certain training in the law of sacrifice. In this, the punishment of waywardness by little sacrifices cannot be without a teaching power, since the enforced sacrifices nature puts upon our limitations are the very means by which me grow in character, and, according to our advancement, universal usefulness.

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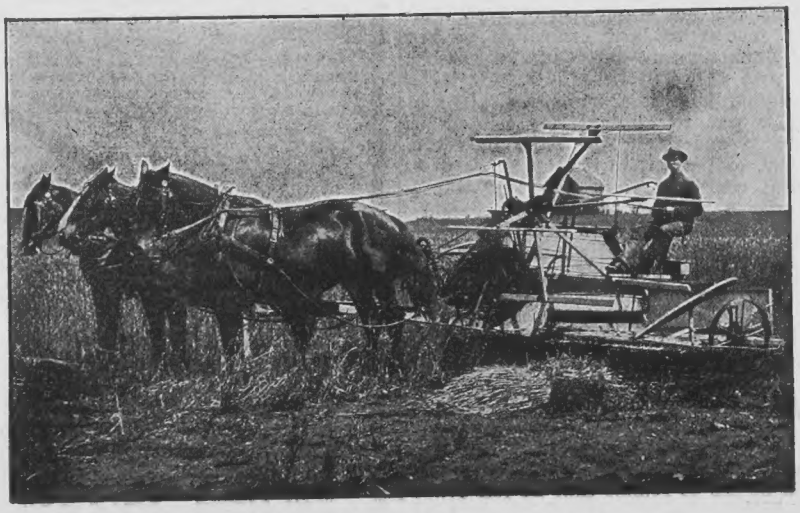

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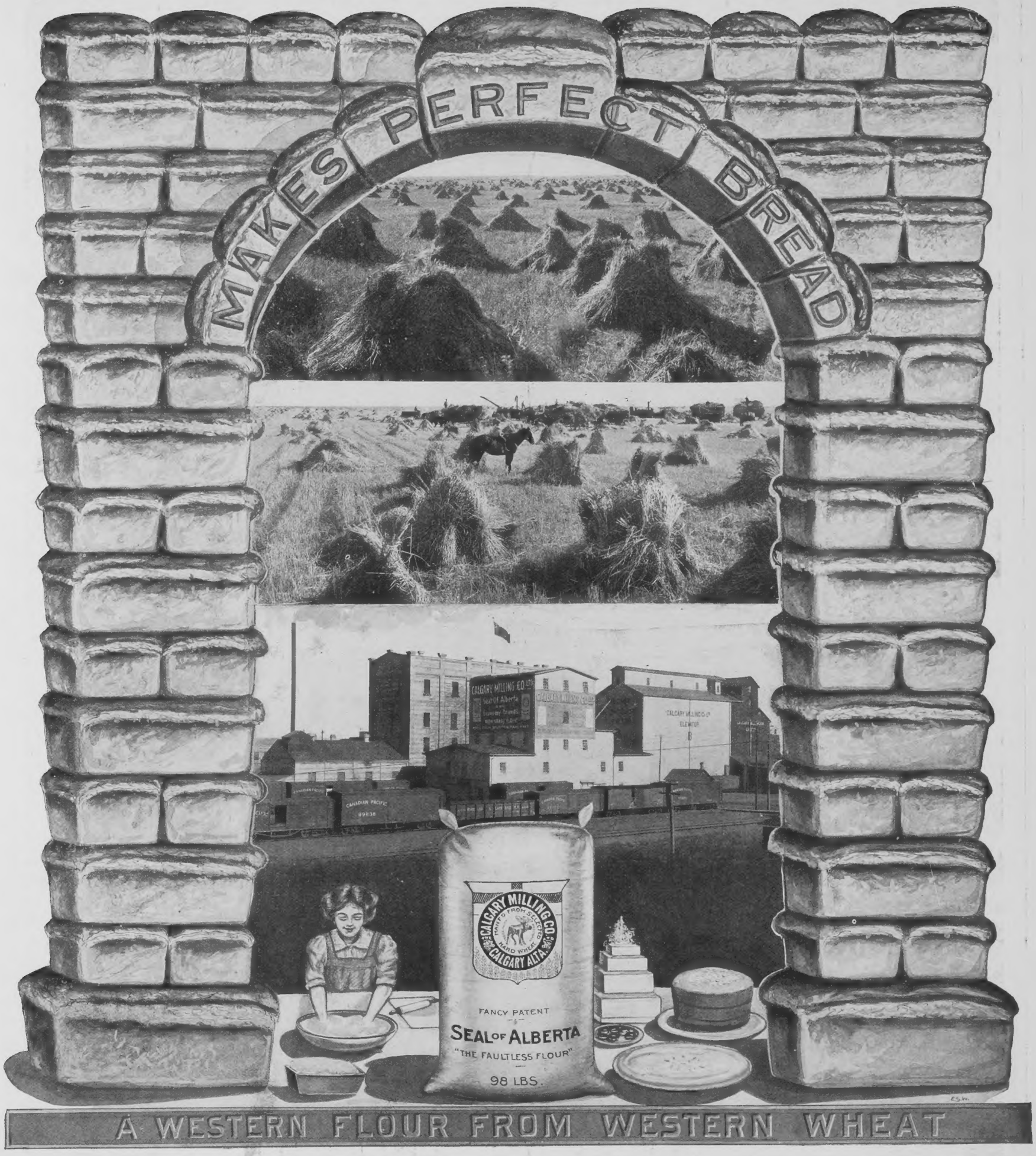

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